

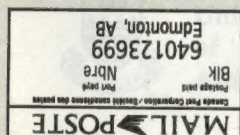
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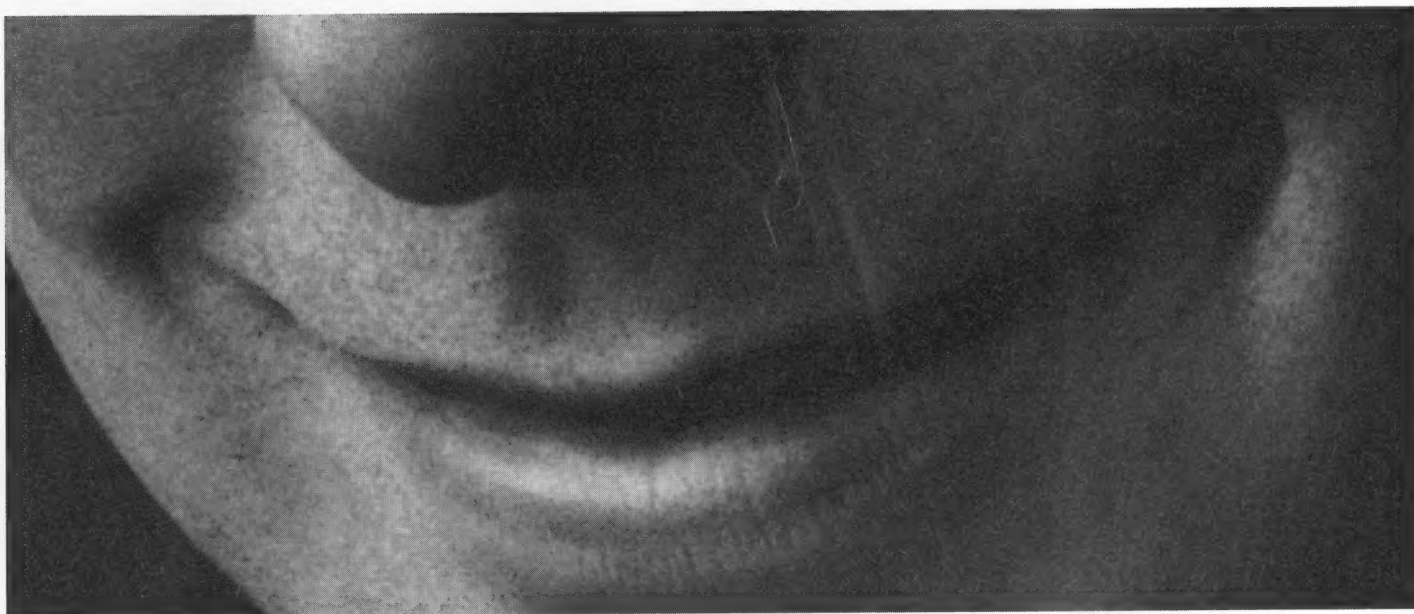
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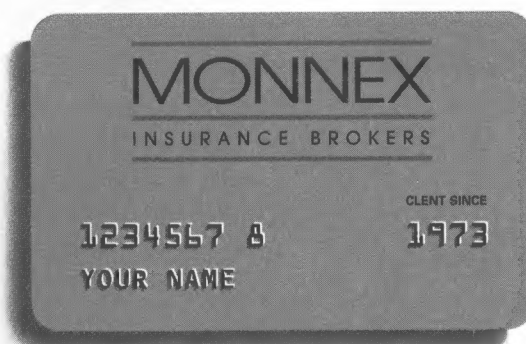


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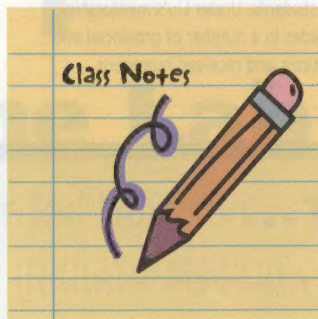
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BASE CAMP



It's never hard for me to gain a perspective on how long I've been editing this magazine. I need look no further than my son, who was born two days before

my first day on the job as editor of *New Trail*.

Neil's now a teenager, barely recognizable as the infant I held in my arms when my first *New Trail* went to press. The magazine has also changed, and this issue represents another milestone along the trail.

We've redesigned the magazine to update its appearance and take advantage of the latest developments in desktop publishing. Our goal was to make *New Trail* better, more enjoyable, more informative — a more effective vehicle for reporting the exciting things happening at the University and sharing news about our world-wide alumni family.

That's important because each issue of the magazine will now have to do more work: we will now publish *New Trail* only three times each year, instead of four. It's a step we regret but one we must make for budget reasons. Printing and distributing the magazine is not inexpensive. (And that's why we greatly appreciate the voluntary subscriptions we receive from so many of you.)

You'll find the new design livelier and more colorful, and you'll notice a special "Trails" section, highlighting alumni news and activities. In fact, we've built on the 'trail' theme throughout the magazine and also introduced department names evocative of this University.

Many people had a hand in the redesign, but I would like to thank three in particular: associate editor Charlene Rooke, who was involved from conception to implementation; Lara Minja, the talented graphic designer from the University's Technical Resource Group who took our ideas and translated them into the new look of the magazine; and alumni director Susan Peirce, who provided her staunch support for the whole process.

Rick Pilger
Editor



BEAR COUNTRY

Oldest and Youngest Graduates Share the Spotlight



A tortoise-and-the-hare-style race ended in a tie at the U of A's 1995 fall convocation

as both the oldest and youngest graduates of the University's Class of '95 obtained their degrees.

Eighty-five-year-old **William Ziegler**, '95 BSc(Eng), received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering as the culmination of studies begun in 1935 and interrupted in 1939 by the Second World War. At age 32 he became the youngest general in the Canadian Army, and his post-war accomplishments include serving as president of Inland Cement Industries.

On the 50th anniversary of the Second World War in 1995, the Faculty of Engineering fittingly recommended to the Senate that William Ziegler receive his long-overdue degree under the War Services Enactment of 1941.

Sprinting to a degree in mathematics was 17-year-old **Jason Colwell**, '95 BSc. Unlike the fabled hare, Colwell shows no signs of burnout — he promptly enrolled in a master's program in mathematics. At the age of 10, Colwell became acquainted with the University through professor Andy Liu and his math club for local students. Under Liu's mentorship Colwell has won accolades in a number of provincial and national math competitions and received numerous scholarships. 🐾

We're Number ~~Five~~ 3!

For the first time in its history, the U of A now ranks third in the country in the amount of funds received from the federal government's Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council. Only the Universities of Toronto and British Columbia, respectively, receive more.

In 1994-95, the U of A received \$29,549,000 — a 26 per cent increase over the previous year and double what it received a decade before.

NSERC funding is widely regarded as a national indicator of a university's standing in the scientific research community. 🐾

If I were Prime Minister...

U of A student wins scholarship for his ideas on running the country

James Wiedrick, '92 BSc(Pharm), doesn't hold Canada's top elected office, but the second-year medical student has proven that he's got what it takes. Wiedrick is one of 10 Canadian students, chosen from 2,500 entrants, who won a \$5,000 Magna for Canada Scholarship for his essay on the topic "As Prime Minister, I would ..." The winning essays are available in a book published by Key Porter.

Wiedrick's ideas for improving living standards and unifying the country include:

- ✳ creating a democratic republic,
- ✳ eliminating government-sponsored multiculturalism,
- ✳ eliminating the trend toward hyphenated Canadianism,
- ✳ allowing more free votes in the House of Commons,
- ✳ abolishing the Senate,
- ✳ opposing Native self-government,
- ✳ cutting subsidies to business,
- ✳ tearing down interprovincial trade barriers,
- ✳ making environmental policy the exclusive domain of the federal government,
- ✳ emphasizing preventative health care, and
- ✳ creating a service corps for preserving the environment. 🐾



Michael Robb

Medical student James Wiedrick is eyeing up 24 Sussex Drive for size after winning a \$5,000 Magna scholarship for an essay in which he outlined the changes he would make if he held Canada's highest elected office.



Greg Southam, Edmonton Journal

Honey, I Shrunk the Lab

Chemistry professor Jed Harrison creates a marvel of miniaturization

Chemistry professor Jed Harrison is doing the scientific equivalent of dancing on the head of a pin: he has created a "lab on a chip."

The chip is a silicon microchip, chemically etched with microscopic capillaries that are a fraction of the width of a human hair. A chemical sample is channeled along these paths by creating an electric field on the chip, and as the sample travels across the chip it reacts with various chemicals that are introduced at different points. Through these chemical reactions the components of the sample separate, then a laser detects the exact quantities of the various components.

Potential applications for the technology include drug tests, DNA diagnostics, and tests for soil and water contamination.

Only a couple of square centimetres in size, the chips are very portable and very fast, sometimes producing results in seconds. In addition, they are economical with chemicals and with testing material: to do a standard chemical analysis the chips require only a tiny volume of test material, but are able to accurately detect trace concentrations the equivalent of one Tylenol tablet dissolved in 12 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Harrison, who recently received a 1996 Steacie Memorial Fellowship from NSERC for his work, completed his undergraduate degree at Simon Fraser University and his graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has also been the recipient of a Faculty of Science Research Award and the WAE McBryde Medal of the Canadian Society for Chemistry. 🐾

All the World's a Stage

Thousands will watch U of A drama students perform on CD-ROM

The U of A Department of Drama recently provided the performance component for a high-tech correspondence course on William Shakespeare.

Drama students performed three diverse interpretations of a scene from Shakespeare's *King Lear* which will be reproduced on an educational CD titled *Playing Shakespeare: Text and Performance*. The CD will be just one component of a multi-media Shakespeare course — including texts, audio and video tapes — from the Open University BBC that is expected to attract as many as 4,000 correspondence students worldwide.

Further information about the project will be made available on a World

Wide Web page constructed by U of A English professor Stephen Reimer at <http://www.ualberta.ca/~sreimer/shakespr.htm>.



The Open University sought to avoid narrow, historical interpretations of the scene by looking for a drama school outside of Britain; as Canada's strongest drama department, the U of A's school was the logical choice. The new Timms Centre for the Arts reportedly impressed Open University officials and guests that included renowned British Shakespearean actor Fiona Shaw.

Drama Department chair David Barnett said, "It really was an opportunity to work with some of the most creative people in the business." 🐾

Two in a row!



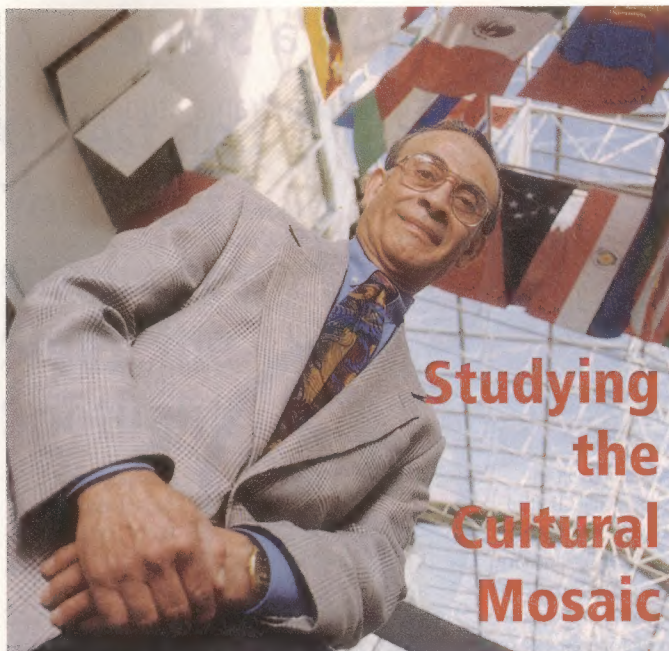
Lewko Hryhorijiw

The Pandas volleyball team defeated Université Laval to win its second consecutive national title at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletics Union championships in Toronto in March. It was their second consecutive championship — both under the leadership of coach Laurie Eisler — and only the second in the entire 45-year history of women's volleyball at the U of A. Alberta, which entered the tournament seeded second behind Laval, boasted three players named to the tournament all-star team. 🐾



BEAR COUNTRY

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Studying the Cultural Mosaic

Department of Sociology chair Baha Abu-Laban will head a new Centre of Excellence in Immigration and Integration Studies.

The University of Alberta has been chosen as the home for a national Centre of Excellence in Immigration and Integration Studies — one of only four such Centres in the country.

The successful proposal for the Centre was made by Department of Sociology chair Baha Abu-Laban, who will head the research consortium of six prairie universities: Alberta, Calgary, Saskatchewan, Regina, Manitoba and Winnipeg.

The U of A was chosen, in part, because "there is a distinctiveness to the immigrant experience on the prairies that reflects a particular ethnic and cultural mix," says Abu-Laban. "It's this distinctiveness that may provide important clues to understanding the immigrant experience."

More than 100 researchers, about 25 of them from the U of A, will be involved in the collaborative, interdisciplinary investigations of the Centre, including faculty members from the Faculties of Arts; Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics; Business; Saint-Jean, Nursing and Education.

The Centre will be supported by \$340,000 per year for six years, mainly from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Among the goals of the Centre will be to help the federal government understand how to overcome barriers and constraints to successfully integrating immigrants and how immigration can contribute to Canada's development. 🐾



LANDMARKS

■ The first 24-hour access reading room at a Canadian university recently opened on the main floor of Cameron Library. Named for the longtime head of circulation services at the library, **Norma Freifield**, '38 BA, the reading room accommodates up to 230 students and features computer and telecommunications accessibility.

■ The Faculty of Business recently honored Ted Newall (below), CEO of NOVA Corp., with its 1995 Canadian Business Leader Award. Previous winners have included cable magnate **James Shaw**, '93 LLD (Honorary) and Wardair founder **Max Ward**, '70 LLD (Honorary).

■ Former U of A president **Myer Horowitz**, '59 MEd, '90 LLD (Honorary) is the first recipient of the Odyssey Community Award of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada.



■ Educational psychology professor Gerry Kysela received the 1995 Award for Contribution to Knowledge from the Psychology Foundation of Canada for his work with special needs children.

■ The campus community noted with sorrow the passing of Morton Ross, a professor in the department of English for almost 30 years; and Bob Cormack, professor emeritus of Botany, who joined the U of A faculty in 1936.

■ Drama professor **Tom Peacocke**, '53 Dip(Ed), '55 BEd, '59 BA, recently received the Order of Canada.

■ *Folio*, the U of A's internal newspaper, is now available on the World Wide Web. Located at <http://www.ualberta.ca/~publicas/lophome.html>, the site is updated bi-weekly as new issues are published on campus. *Folio* contains campus news, features, photos, announcements, events, and job listings.

FOLIO

■ The first composer-in-residence program at a Canadian university has been established at the U of A, and two-time Juno award winning composer Malcolm Forsyth holds the unique appointment. Forsyth, a professor at the University since 1968, will now devote his time to composing and supervising graduate students.

■ The University's Senate has announced the honorary degree recipients for spring convocation in June. Among those honored will be: conductor Eric Ericson; international businessman **Eldon Foote**, '45 BSc, '48 LLB; NOVA Corp. chair **Richard Haskayne**, '56 BCom; Nobel Prize-winning chemist Michael Smith; Canadian National Railways president and CEO Paul Tellier; and Third World nurse **Margaret Cammaert**, '44 BSc(Nu). An honorary degree was also offered to Alberta premier Ralph Klein, who declined the honor.

■ Law professor Gerald Gall is the recipient of the Alberta Human Rights Award, given annually to an Albertan who has made an outstanding contribution in support of human rights in the province.



■ The Telehealth Technology Network, an interactive communication system, will allow health professionals and patients in rural areas to share the resources of their medical colleagues at the University of Alberta. The first connection will be with the Two Hills Health Centre, which will be linked to the U of A through technology provided by Hughes Canada.

■ Biochemistry professor Susan Rosenberg recently received the William E. Rawls Prize from the National Cancer Institute of Canada for outstanding contributions to cancer research.

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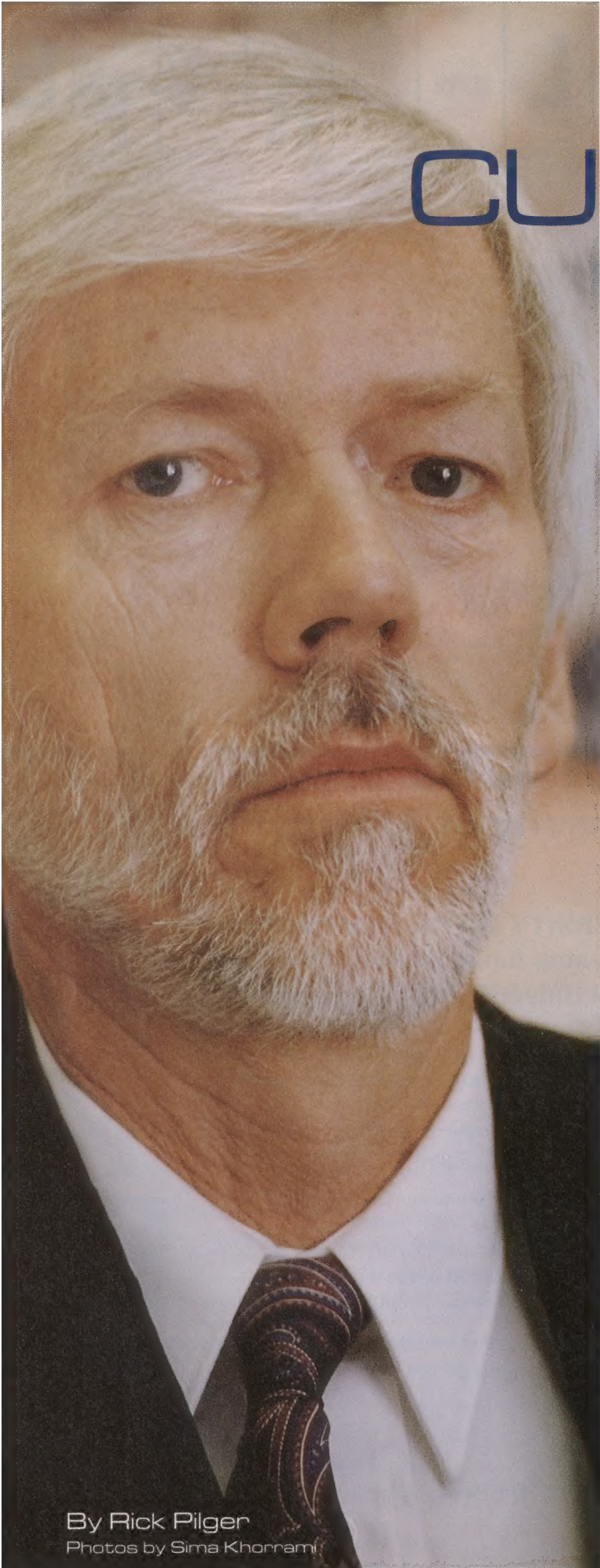
5 October Tuck Shop Breakfast: 8 – 10 am
Campus Tours: all morning
Faculty, School and Department Open Houses & Displays: 10 am to noon
Super Saturday Lectures: 9:30 am to 4 pm
Gala Dinner and Dance: Westin Hotel, 6 pm to midnight

6 October President's Brunch for grads celebrating their 50, 50+ and 60 year anniversaries: Faculty Club, 11 am to 2 pm

To plan a class reunion or to obtain information regarding tickets or accommodation call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 492-3224 in Edmonton or 1-800-661-2593 elsewhere in Canada.



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A close-up portrait of Dennis Vance, an older man with white hair and a goatee, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression.

basic CURIOSITY

**Good science and
good fortune take
Dennis Vance to
the Wieland
Medal podium**

In this age of instantaneous communication — of e-mail and cellular phones, video conferencing and satellite links, overnight couriers and faxes — it is becoming increasingly rare for news of consequence to arrive via the daily post. But that is how Dennis Vance learned last summer that he had been selected for the highest international honor in his field.

"It just came in the mail," recalls Vance, the biochemistry professor who has headed the University of Alberta's respected Lipid and Lipoprotein Research Group since its inception in 1986. Inside the envelope with the German postmark was a letter informing the University of Alberta scientist that he had been selected to receive the 1995 Heinrich Wieland Medal, created as a memorial to the celebrated German biochemist who received the Nobel Prize in 1927.

The award, which he shared with co-winner American biochemist Jean Schaffer (for unrelated work), was created in 1964 to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of lipid science. Selections are made by a panel of prominent German scientists and previous winners include some of the world's top biochemists. Among them are Nobel Prize winners such as Michael Brown, Joseph Goldstein and Bengt Samuelsson.

Opening the envelope and learning that he would be joining this elite group — the first Canadian to do so — was "a surprise, a very pleasant surprise," says Vance, who travelled to Munich to accept the award and a cheque for \$15,000. He was accompanied by his wife Jean, who not only shares in his life outside the laboratory, but is herself a member of the Lipid and Lipoprotein Research Group — her lab is across the hall from his in the University's Heritage Medical Research Building.

By Rick Pilger

Photos by Sima Khorrami

Vance received the Wieland Medal at Munich University on 27 October 1995. "It was a very formal occasion," says Jean. The hall was decorated with flowers, a flute quartet played music by Mozart, and the medal winners were introduced by Wieland's son Theodore. Following the presentation of the medals and cheques and addresses by Vance and Schaffer, the medalists were guests of honor at an impressive banquet where Bavarian hospitality tempered the formality of the occasion.

A tall, spare man with grey hair and a trim grizzled beard, Dennis Vance is known for his calm demeanor and his organizational skills. He has an easy manner with his students and research assistants and a reputation for being ever ready to give them a hand, whether with problems arising from their work or personal lives. After his family (he and Jean have two university-age children) and his work, Vance's great love is the outdoors. He enjoys hiking and fishing, and as a golfer he can lay claim to having made a hole-in-one. ("He's not really all that good a golfer — he just got lucky," contributes Jean.)

He may be only a middling-good golfer, but Vance is a very good scientist. Before coming to Alberta he was the head of the Department of Biochemistry at UBC, and he is a former president of the Canadian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. His many professional honors include the Boehringer-Mannheim Canada Prize of the Canadian Biochemical Society and the Bristol Lipoprotein Research Award, which he and Jean shared.

He has a rock-solid record of research accomplishments, but Vance is the first to admit that — like his hole-in-one — the work that led to the Wieland Prize owes something to luck. But it is no less important for that: his identification of an enzyme that appears to be capable of suppressing tumors in the liver could someday have major implications for the treatment of liver cancer, an important primary form of cancer in many parts of the world.

Fortune, they say, favors the prepared mind, and Vance's mind has been prepared by a long-standing curiosity. "I've always had an interest in disease," says Vance, who

was born 54 years ago in a small town in southeast Idaho, but grew up on the U.S. east coast. After earning a baccalaureate degree in chemistry at a small liberal arts university in Pennsylvania called Dickinson College, he went on to the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a PhD in 1968.

It was while he was a graduate student at Pittsburgh that Vance began studying lipids. It was an interest that arose out of his work related to Fabry's Disease, a rare inherited genetic disease that causes sufferers to accumulate a lipid that clogs their kidneys and arteries. "Lipids are by definition insoluble in water, so they tend to gum up the works," points out Vance, using language more descriptive than scientific.

The most famous lipids are cholesterol and fat, but lipids comprise a broad spectrum of compounds that differ markedly in their chemical nature. Their one defining characteristic is that they cannot be dissolved in water. (On the other hand, lipoproteins — complexes of lipids and protein — have the solubility characteristics of proteins: they are soluble in water or aqueous salt solutions.)

When he graduated from Pittsburgh, Vance's interest in lipids and the changes they go through as they are utilized by the body took him to Harvard University, where he spent two years as a research fellow with Nobel laureate Konrad Bloch. In 1973, following a year at the University of Warwick as a fellow of the British Heart Foundation, he accepted a faculty position at the University of British Columbia. He spent 13 years there, serving as associate dean of medicine (research) from 1979 to 1981. In 1986, with the help of funding from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, he was recruited to Alberta to develop a world-class lipid and

lipoprotein research group.

While the high profile of cholesterol and fat tends to give them a tarnished image, lipids play an essential role in almost every body function and structure. The lipid that occupies the spotlight in Vance's lab is the building block of cells. Known as



phosphatidylcholine — or PC, for short — it is a major component of cell walls, providing the substratum into which proteins are inserted to give cells their integrity.

The nine members of the U of A Lipid and Lipoprotein Research Group have diverse interests within their field, but they have in common that each is engaged in some project that relates to cardiovascular disease. Every member of the group is supported in part by money from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta.

In Vance's case, the connection to cardiovascular disease arises from his interest in PC's involvement in the structure of the lipoproteins that carry cholesterol and fat in the circulatory system. "We are interested in the role of PC in the assembly of lipoproteins in the liver and the secretion of these into the bloodstream," says Vance. The liver, he explains, serves as a factory for the manufacture of the fat- and cholesterol-carrying lipoproteins. Somehow it assembles the components, taking the lipids, which are insoluble in water — and therefore insoluble in plasma — and combining them with proteins in such a way that the particle which results has different solubil-

Basic research is an investment in the future, says Vance.

ity characteristics. "The liver makes these sticky molecules and puts them into a particle that is soluble in water, so they can be transported through the blood stream to different tissues in the body," he says.

The discovery that led to the Wieland Medal arose out of Vance's curiosity about the pathways through which PC is manufactured in the liver. There are two of these. The first is found in all animal cells and is known as the CDP:choline pathway. The second pathway — the one in which Vance is most interested — is found almost exclusively in the liver. Through this pathway, a lipid known as phosphatidylethanolamine (or PE) is converted to PC.

"We have been interested in what regulates that pathway — what decides how much PE gets converted to PC," says Vance. As part of their studies into this very fundamental question, Vance and his research team were successful in purifying the enzyme responsible for the PE-to-PC conversion. When they accomplished the purification they found — as they had expected — that this enzyme with the unwieldy name phosphatidylethanolamine N-methyltransferase (which is commonly abbreviated to PEMT) is found virtually only in the liver.

"At that point we then decided to clone the DNA that encodes for PEMT," remembers Vance. The task was handed to a bright young postdoctoral fellow from China who had just joined the lab after a stint at the Harvard Medical School. Zheng Cui, now a research associate with Vance's group, was able to meet the challenge and presented Vance with the cloned DNA.

It was then that a series of completely unexpected findings began. It soon became clear that the enzyme that Cui had cloned was PEMT, all right, but not the PEMT they had expected. This became evident when the cloned enzyme was used to create an antibody and the antibody was then introduced to different fractions of the liver — all done simply out of curiosity. Vance was interested in seeing where in the liver PEMT is active — wherever PEMT was present, the antibody would react to it.

Vance and his colleagues were amazed to find that the enzyme they had cloned was not to be found where it should have

been, but it was active where it had no right to be. What they had, it turned out, was a new, previously unknown form of PEMT, to which they gave the name PEMT-2.

"This was completely serendipitous," says Vance. The discovery, he points out, would likely never have happened if not for the fact that his wife happened to have a lab across the hall from his. "Over the years," he says, "Jean has developed a procedure for fractionating liver into its different components. It's only because she had these different components in the freezer, and we had this antibody, that we did the experiment." And if they hadn't, says Vance, they would have gone on thinking they had cloned the known form of PEMT.

A second surprise was to come during further experimentation with the new form of PEMT. In the course of investigating various cell lines for evidence of the enzyme, Vance tested some rat hepatoma (liver cancer) cells that happened to be available. While he had fully expected to find PEMT-2 in these liver tumor cells, there was none. It was a surprise and also an opportunity. Because there was not any PEMT-2 present in the hepatoma cells — there was, in effect, a clean slate — Vance decided to introduce the DNA for PEMT-2 into the cell line and see how that would affect PC metabolism. "Again this is just a fundamental question; 'curiosity-based research' is another way I talk about it," says Vance.

Zheng Cui was once more involved. In his experimentation, Cui noticed that some cell lines

he obtained after he introduced PEMT-2 were growing exceedingly slowly. It was an observation that Vance considered worthy of further investigation, and in a series of studies published in 1994, Cui, Vance and Martin Houweling (a postdoctoral fellow who had come to Vance's lab from the Netherlands), show that expressing the PEMT-2 enzyme in rat hepatoma cells slows the rate of cell division threefold. This was a landmark finding and the scientific world — including the Wieland Medal panel — took notice.

Vance's lab has since thrown further light on this historic finding. Their research shows that PEMT-2 is probably slowing cell division by inhibiting the primary PC biosynthesis pathway, the CDP:choline pathway. Studies that Vance has done in collaboration with a French scientist, Francois Tercé of Toulouse University, back



Lipid researchers Jean and Dennis Vance

this up by confirming that blocking the CDP:choline pathway slows cell division.

"My hypothesis, at least, is that the PEMT-2 functions to regulate the CDP:choline pathway, and that there is something very important about this pathway — and the PC made by this pathway — for cell division," says Vance. "What that is we don't know. And that is where one of the frontiers is at the moment."

Vance's research has demonstrated a direct link between PEMT-2 and the growth of the liver. When the liver is growing rapidly, as it is before birth, there is no evidence of PEMT-2. When cell division slows after birth, the PEMT-2 level rises. Having revealed this inverse relationship, Vance collaborated with an Italian scientist to determine PEMT-2 activity at various stages of liver cancer. Based on those investigations, he and Luciana Tessitore of the University of Turin are about to publish a study that clearly shows that in the early stages of liver tumor growth PEMT-2 all but disappears.

"We think there is a lot of evidence now to implicate PEMT-2 as a liver-specific tumor suppressor," says Vance. While this is exciting, Vance remains cautious about predicting a future for PEMT-2 in liver cancer therapy. The challenge, he says, will be to find a way to deliver the DNA for the enzyme to the tumor site. "That's a major problem. Labs all over are looking at how something like this could be done."

Because of the high incidence of liver cancer in parts of the world, Vance's work has excited a great deal of interest. While cancer of the liver as a primary site is rare in Canada and other western countries — in our part of the world, liver cancer is usually a result of metastasis from another site — in certain regions of Asia and Africa the incidence of primary liver cancer is as high as 150 per 100,000 population (compared to four per 100,000 in North America). Around the globe, liver cancer causes more than 250,000 deaths each year.

Naturally, Vance hopes that his discoveries will help to one day prevent many of those deaths, but that wasn't what he set out to do when he began studying PEMT. He simply was following his curiosity about the enzyme, and when he delivered his ad-

The Lipid and Lipoprotein Research Group

has developed an international reputation for excellence in research and research training in lipid and lipoprotein metabolism. Founded in 1986, it now comprises nine full-time faculty members and one associate member, about 20 postdoctoral fellows and research associates, and about 15 graduate students.

Faculty Members

Dennis Vance **A**
SEE ACCOMPANYING STORY

Gary Lopaschuk **B**
JOINED: 1986 BORN: Port Alberni, BC
EDUC: UBC ('78 BSc, '80 MSc, '83 PhD)
PREV APPTS: Hershey Medical Centre (Hershey, PA), U of Toronto.

Fat metabolism is speeded up in the heart after a heart attack. This proves to be detrimental to the heart and Lopaschuk is working with a drug which normalizes the metabolism.

Lesley J. Smith **C**
JOINED: 1989 (Assoc) BORN: London, UK
EDUC: Manchester ('78 MB ChB, '90 MD)
PREV APPTS: various hospitals in the U.K., U of Montreal.

An associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Smith has a particular interest in the intestinal lipoproteins involved in the digestion of fat.

Luis B. Agellon **D**
JOINED: 1993 BORN: Basilan City, Phil.
EDUC: McMaster ('82 BSc, '86 PhD)
PREV APPTS: John Hopkins, Columbia
Conversion of cholesterol into bile acids is a major pathway for eliminating cholesterol from the body. Much of Agellon's research is related to an enzyme involved in this conversion.



Robert O. Ryan **E**
JOINED: 1988 BORN: Oakland, CA
EDUC: Nevada-Reno ('77 BSc, '82 PhD)
PREV APPTS: U of Arizona

Ryan is investigating the role played by specialized lipid binding proteins in the delivery of insoluble lipids to specific tissues, and the impact of this on premature atherosclerosis.

Gordon Francis **F**
JOINED: 1994 BORN: Vancouver, BC
EDUC: Simon Fraser ('79 BSc), McGill ('84 MD) PREV APPTS: UBC, U of Washington
High density lipoprotein levels in human plasma correlate directly with protection against coronary artery disease. Francis is trying to develop an understanding of exactly how this protection comes about.

Jean Vance **G**
JOINED: 1986 BORN: Glasgow, UK
EDUC: London ('64 BSc), U of Pittsburgh ('69 PhD) PREV APPTS: Boston U, U of California-San Diego, UBC.
Vance's wide interests centre on how membranes are put together in cells, including the intercellular trafficking of lipids, the regulation of lipoprotein assembly, and the role of lipids in the growth of neurons.

David Brindley **H**
JOINED: 1988 BORN: Buxton, UK
EDUC: Birmingham ('63 BSc, '66 PhD, '77 DSc) PREV APPTS: Harvard, Nottingham
Brindley is interested in the role lipid messengers play in integrating the control of cell activation, division and death, work which has implications for devising anti-cancer strategies.

Luc Berthiaume **I**
JOINED: 1995 BORN: Montreal, PQ
EDUC: Sherbrooke ('85 BSc, '91 PhD)
PREV APPTS: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (New York City).
Berthiaume is investigating how fatty acids are modified by proteins. A particular interest is the role played by a number of proteins involved in intracellular signalling and the implication for metabolic regulation.

Shinji Yokoyama (not in photo)
JOINED: 1988 BORN: Gifu, Japan
EDUC: U of Tokyo ('72 MD, '82 PhD)
PREV APPTS: U of Chicago, National Cardiovascular Center (Osaka)
Yokoyama is closely studying the major steps through which plasma lipoproteins recover cholesterol from peripheral tissues and transport it to the liver, where it is degraded.

dress to the Wieland awards audience, he titled it "Unexpected Findings from Curiosity Driven Research." The need for society to continue funding such research is something Vance feels strongly about. "Supporting fundamental research is a very important part of the health-care system," he says. "It's an investment in the future — if not for ourselves, for our children."

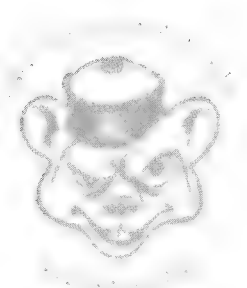
"Aside from the fact that we are developing basic knowledge about life, the record has shown that there are spinoffs that are important to medicine, and these keep coming. Our example is one — if I had put

in a grant application even five years ago that what I was planning to do was relevant to cancer, the [scientific review] panel would have had a good laugh."

Those panels that supported Vance's work didn't get that laugh, but they now have every reason to smile. His success demonstrates that scientific excellence — the basic criterion for awarding Medical Research Council grants — can go a long way when combined with a large measure of curiosity and just a little bit of luck. As far — in Vance's case — as the Wieland awards stage in Munich. 🐾

1996 Inductees

Sports Wall of Fame



James Donlevy, '59 BPE, '61 BEd, '75 MA

As a high school student Jim excelled at basketball and football; as a teacher he coached and served as a physical education consultant with the Edmonton Catholic School Board. He became involved with the Golden Bears in 1965 as an assistant football coach, joining the University faculty in 1970. He was the Bears' head coach for more than 15 years in total, leading the team to two Vanier Cups. Now professor emeritus in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, Jim is an education consultant to the Western Hockey League. He has played a leading role in developing instruction and certification for coaches nationwide.

David MacKay, '40 BSc(Eng)

The late Dave MacKay was a multi-talented athlete who excelled on both the U of A



Varsity football and hockey teams, in the days before they were called the Golden Bears. So exceptional were

his talents, he was called up to the Edmonton Flyers of the Western Senior Hockey League during the 1939-40 season. He joined the NHL Chicago Blackhawks in his graduating year, but cut short a promising hockey career in 1941 to serve in the Army. Dave and his family eventually settled in Vernon, B.C., a community where he was well known for coaching and organizing minor hockey. He passed away in 1980.

Edward Lucht, '54 BSc(Eng)

For four seasons in a row, from 1951-54, the Golden Bears basketball team reached the Western University final — it's no coincidence that Ed Lucht belonged to the team for all of those four years. The team made it to the national final in 1952, but Ed's own personal apex came in 1954, when he set a conference record of 88 points in one game. A member of the 1956 Canadian Olympic team and a player on the 1958 Pan American Games team, Ed continued his basketball career with the Edmonton Town Hallers, Montreal Snowden Blues, and Montreal Lakeshore Flyers in the '50s. Since graduating, Ed has spent his professional career with Canadian Industries Ltd. in Quebec and Ontario.



Sue Neill, '68 MSc

Sue Neill left her mark when she graduated from the University of Toronto in 1966 with awards for outstanding academic performance and the best combined academic and athletic record. She obtained graduate degrees at the Universities of Alberta and Ottawa, and became a renowned university volleyball and field hockey coach. Sue's influence on Canadian amateur sport extends from the grass roots up to the Olympic and World Cup level. Her many involvements have included the presidency of the Canadian Women's Field Hockey Association; work as an official, administrator, and board member of the Federation Internationale de Hockey; and her current position as director of policy, planning and evaluation for Sport Canada.



Rebecca Smith Wiber, '82 BEd

Becky Smith showed her potential early, by setting 40 Canadian age-group records in swimming before graduating from Strathcona Composite High School. Specializing in the individual medleys but also swimming with Canadian relay teams, Becky won a total of one gold, three silver, and a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games of 1974 and 1978; and two bronze medals at the Montreal Olympics in 1976. From 1973 through to 1978, her times ranked among the top-ten in the world in 200- and 400-metre individual medley events. Becky is now a teacher at Westbrook Elementary School in Edmonton.



TRAILS

FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA ALUMNI

Babak



orman Jewison, Sophia Loren, David Cronenberg, Keanu Reeves, Whoopi Goldberg, John Landis, Robert Mitchum and Sir Peter Ustinov. What connection do University of Alberta graduates **Keith Henning**, '80 BCom, '86 LLB, and **Karen Walton**, '88 BFA have with these icons of the film industry?

See Trailblazers on page 18 ►

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Alumni Association enthusiastically shares President Rod Fraser's vision and challenge, "to have

the University of Alberta emerge from this and enter the next century indisputably recognized, nationally and internationally, as one of Canada's finest universities."

This vision, implies not only a commitment to excellence — to *being* one of Canada's finest institutions of learning — but to being *seen* as one of Canada's best universities.

As I have become progressively more involved with the Alumni Association, I have been exposed to the many exciting activities, accomplishments, discoveries and leading-edge initiatives at our University that have too often gone unrecognized. It is absolutely clear to me that alumni must do their part in recognizing the University of Alberta as the great institution that it is and spreading the word to the broader community.

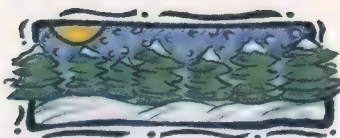
An important and most enjoyable part of that process is celebrating the achievements of alumni through the Alumni Wall of Recognition and other initiatives. This redesigned *New Trail* gives increased emphasis to the accomplishments of alumni and others from the University community; we've developed a site on the World Wide Web; and we will be publishing an alumni directory this spring.

In addition, we have recently invited alumni from Edmonton and area back to their alma mater for various campus activities along with receptions at Alumni House. More than 750 graduates have attended these activities over the last eight months.

We are working with other members of the University community to incorporate Reunion Weekend into University Days, a week-long recognition and celebration of the strength of, and pride we have in, our University.

The message is simple: we know that the University of Alberta is one of Canada's finest universities. This is something of which we can all be proud. Let's show it and celebrate it!

Lloyd Malin
Alumni Association President



EVERGREEN

New Fitness Centre Open to Alumni

What rows, runs, cycles, stretches, steps, lifts and lunges?

Visitors to the new Fitness and Lifestyle Centre on campus do, and U of A alumni and their families are welcome to join the faculty, staff and students who have been enjoying the new facility since January.

Located in W-98 Van Vliet Centre, the new Centre is equipped with treadmills, steppers, stationary bikes, rowing machines, free weights and circuit training stations. Hours of operation are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends.

Alumni with recreational user cards can use the Centre by purchasing a \$50 pass, which is valid from 1 May to 31 August 1996. (An alumni user card costs \$150 per year).

For more information and rates, please call 492-2231.



Fortified by a pre-game reception at Alumni House, more than 100 alumni in the crowd cheered the Bears and Pandas basketball teams against UVic in February.

Alumni Events for Everyone

The Alumni Association has been promoting a series of fun, informative, friendly events designed to re-introduce Edmonton-area alumni to the rich social, intellectual and cultural life of the University.

Alumni House, located on campus at 11515 Saskatchewan Drive, has been the site for several informal alumni receptions preceding campus events such as the opening of the *Rubens to Picasso* exhibit,

Golden Bears and Pandas Basketball, and a guest lecture on the treaties of indigenous people co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology.

Alumni signed up in record numbers for a recent theatre night on 3 April, when Studio Theatre presented *Museum*.

Planned for the spring is a May garden party for alumni at the Devonian Gardens.

For further information on this and other upcoming events, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs or visit the Association's World Wide Web site at <http://www.quasar.ualberta.ca/alumni/>.

Association Calendar

Branches

Calgary

29 May 1996
Alumni Reception
U of A Pavilion, Spruce Meadows
4:45 p.m. Reception
6:15 p.m. Canada Post Opening Ceremonies, Canadian Showjumping Championships
7:15 p.m. 1996 Atlanta Olympic Showjumping Team Trial
Special Guest: Dr Martha Piper, V-P (Research & External Affairs)
Watch your mail for further details.

Toronto

26 June 1996
Alumni BBQ
The Island Yacht Club
27 October 1996
Luncheon and Annual General Meeting
Casa Loma
Speaker: TBA
Watch your mail for details or call (416) 483-8818 for Toronto Branch information.

New York

25 June to 27 June 1996
"Music from Banff" organized by the Banff Centre

Weill Hall, Carnegie Hall
Watch your mail for further details.

Other

Nursing Alumni Association

10 June 1996
Annual Pre-Convocation Breakfast
The Westin Hotel, Edmonton
8:00 a.m. Reception
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
Cost: \$13 for alumni (includes all taxes and gratuities)

Alumni Constituent Family Grows

Two recently-formed constituent groups brings the total of U of A Constituent Alumni Associations to 14. East Asian Studies and Rehabilitation Medicine are the two latest special interest alumni groups to form their own alumni bodies, both serving the graduates of particular programs of study at the U of A. The president of the East Asian Studies Alumni Association is **Rae McDonald**, '84 BA, '85 Cert(Arts), an international relations officer with Alberta International on campus. The new president of the Rehabilitation Medicine Alumni Association is **Wendy Morrison**, '90 BEd, '94 MSLP, a speech-language pathologist with the Capital Health Authority in Edmonton.

All in the Name of Science...

Nearly 20,000 U of A alumni have carefully collected toenail clippings, plucked hair strands, and completed detailed question-

naires in the name of science for the Canadian Study of Diet, Lifestyle and Health.

Study packages were sent this past autumn to all U of A alumni with current addresses on the alumni database. Based on a pilot study conducted with a sample of U of A alumni in 1994, the investigators had hoped for a response rate as high as 30 per cent, or approximately 33,000 responses.

Co-investigator and U of A public health sciences professor Colin Soskolne assures any graduates who have not yet completed the study that it's not too late — the investigators are still happy to receive completed questionnaire packages. For further information or to obtain a new study package call the Study headquarters at (416) 978-7522, or (416) 978-7520 (collect), weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST, and ask for Barry MacDonald.



It's on the Way!

The first-ever University of Alberta alumni directory will be available to all graduates in June 1996.

All living graduates of the U of A with current addresses on the alumni records system should have heard from Harris Publishing, the specialized directory publishing company handling the project for the U of A Alumni Association, over the past several months. Participation in the directory is voluntary, and information will only be published with a graduate's permission.

Participating alumni had the opportunity to pre-order copies of the directory from Harris Publishing. The Association will also have a limited number of copies for sale at \$76.99 for the softcover or \$79.99 for the deluxe hardcover edition, plus \$7.95 for shipping and handling (GST as applicable; prices in Cdn. funds). To order, call Harris at 1-800-546-2027 or contact Alumni Affairs.



CLASS REUNIONS '96

The Alumni Association will assist classes in organizing special events during the homecoming activities of Reunion Weekend '96 or at other times. RW '96 will be held October 3 to 6.

Class/Place & Date/Contact:

- '26 Grads RW '96/Alumni Affairs
- '36 Grads RW '96/Jean Ward
- '36 Med Banff/Sept. 19/Max Dolgoy
- '41 Med Banff/Sept. 19/Peter Voloshin, Jim Durkin
- '45-'46 Ed (War Emergency) Westlock/May 25-26/Pauline Hahn
- '46 Ag RW '96/Joe Fraser
- '46 Chem Eng RW '96/Jack Cuyler
- '46 Civ Eng RW '96/Dick Low
- '46 Elec Eng RW '96/Muriel Cheriton
- '46 Home Ec RW '96/Jean Smith
- '46 Med Banff/Sept. 19/Bob Fraser
- '46 Dip Nu RW '96/Betty Runyon
- '46 Pharm RW '96/Gordon Meyers, Erma Nash
- '56 Ag RW '96/Ross Gould
- '56 Civ Eng RW '96/Ralph Ulveland
- '56 Dent TBA/Dr. Kuzak
- '56 Elec Eng RW '96/M. Romanow
- '56 Home Ec RW '96/J. Chalifaux
- '56 Law RW '96/Blair Mason
- '56 Med Banff/Sept. 19/A. Backstrom
- '56 Dip Nu (Fall) Trochu/Sept 6-7, RW '96/G. Mazurek
- '56 Pharm RW '96/Ray Kucharski
- '56 Rehab Med TBA/Berniece Malone
- '56 Students' Council RW '96/J. Bracco
- '61 Civ Eng RW '96/Leon Root
- '61 Med Banff/Sept. 19/R.C. Boarke
- '61 Phys Therapy RW '96 /Janet Heaps
- '65-'95 Dent Hygiene Calgary/June 7/Dawn Mueller
- '66 Dent TBA/June/Lloyd Bichel
- '71 Ag TBA/Wayne Mikkelsen
- '71 Med Banff/Sept. 19/Denis Leduc
- '71 Pharm RW '96/Terry Legaarden
- '71 Phys Ed RW '96/Z. Jakubec, W. Andrews
- '76 Elec Eng TBA/Allen Thomas
- '76 Med Edmonton/May 17-19/J. Yoneda
- '76 Dip Nu (Jan) Edmonton/ May 4-5/Dianne Bergevin
- '76 Speech Therapy Edmonton/ May 31-June 2/Elizabeth Dolan
- '80 Med Banff/April 26-28/J. McWhae
- '86 Elec Eng RW '96/Dwayne Carlson
- '86 Law RW '96/Teresa Glod
- '86 Med Banff/April 26-28/Phillip Park
- '86 Occup Therapy TBA/Cynthia Pon
- '86 Speech Therapy Edmonton/ Aug. 3-4/Shelley Lycan
- '91 Nursing TBA/Allison Nelson

Some locations and dates are tentative. For information about the reunions noted, or to organize a reunion for a class not listed, please contact Coleen Graham in the Office of Alumni Affairs at (403)492-3224 or 1-800-661-2593.

Edmonton-area Alumni

26 May 1996

Devonian Gardens
Alumni Tea & Tour
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Alumni can enjoy the Alpine Garden in bloom and an afternoon tea, then explore the Japanese Garden, the Ozawa Pavilion, or take in an afternoon band concert.

Cost: \$15 (includes transportation from the U of A to the gardens) or \$12 (without transportation).
RSVP: please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 492-3224.

For further information about Alumni Association events, or about branch or constituent alumni associations, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs.

In Edmonton phone 492-3224; toll-free at 1-800-661-2593 in Canada.

Thanks for attending!

The Alumni Association thanks the alumni around the world who attended these recent events:

■ Mexico City, 23 Jan. '96: 40 alumni attended the first-ever U of A event in Mexico.

■ Dallas, 13 Feb. '96: 19 attended the first U of A event in Texas.

■ Houston, 14 Feb. '96: 27 went to an alumni Valentine's reception.

■ Grande Prairie, 15 March '96: 50 attended the annual branch dinner.

■ Saskatoon, 20 March '96: 25 attended an alumni reception.

■ Regina, 21 March '96: 22 grads attended an alumni reception.

■ Red Deer, 27 March '96: 55 went to an Alumni Association reception before a U of A information fair.

■ Kelowna, 30 March '96: 41 went to the second-ever alumni event.

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS



Rae McDonald (Michael), '84 BA, '85 Cert (Arts), an East Asian Studies major, went to

Japan in 1985, where she worked and studied until 1992. Now an international relations officer for Alberta International at the U of A, Rae became the interim president of the newly established East Asian Studies Alumni Association in June of last year.

The EASAA is now actively recruiting members, and welcomes any U of A alumni who may wish to support the work of the Department of East Asian Studies. Its goal is to provide a wide network for students and alumni who wish to study in Asia or seek related career opportunities.

While living in Japan, Rae was able to identify other U of A alumni in the area with the help of the East Asian Studies department. She says, "Our contact was very useful, and I began to think how important an alumni association could be in assisting other U of A graduates to find work or study in Asia."

Wendy Morrison, '90 BED, '94 MSLP, is the president of the newest U of A constituent alumni association, the Rehabilitation Medicine Alumni Association.



After receiving her education degree, Wendy moved to London, England and taught elementary school for two years. She returned to the U of A to complete a graduate degree in speech-language pathology. She is now a speech-language pathologist in Edmonton.

Wendy and the rest of the RMAA executive committee look forward to developing and promoting friendships among students, alumni and faculty. The Association is particularly grateful to Dr Albert Cook, dean of the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, for his and the Faculty's support of the Association and its alumni.

ALUMNI SCRAPBOOK



▲ On a trip through Asia late last year, U of A president **Rod Fraser** met alumni living in Korea and Hong Kong. Here, he toasts Hong Kong alumni (right to left) **Trevor Mak, '82 BCom, '84 MBA** and **Cecilia Lam, '76 BSc(OT)**. On the left is guest **Geoffrey Liu**, the deputy director of the local health authority.



▲ For the first time ever, U of A alumni gatherings were held in the state of Texas this past February. A total of about 50 alumni in Dallas (shown here) and Houston turned out to hear U of A president **Rod Fraser** share his vision for their alma mater.



▲ Alumni Association president **Lloyd Malin, '65 BA, '70 LLB**, talks with two interested students at the 1996 Class Representatives luncheon at Alumni House in March. Class Reps are recruited in the final year of their programs to act as newsletter and reunion contacts for their classes.



▲ Anthropology grad **Darryl Mork, '91 BA** (right) and Edmonton actor **Nathaniel Arcand** (*North of 60, Due South*) were two of the guests at the Alumni House reception preceding a campus lecture in March by United Nations human rights consultant **Isabelle Schulte-Tenckoff**. Nearly 100 students, faculty members, alumni and guests from the Native community enjoyed socializing and meeting the guest lecturer before her talk about, "Anthropology, Indian Treaties and the 'Law of Nations.'"

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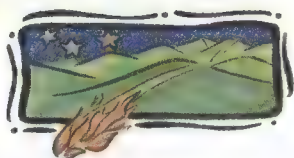
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Where Stars are Born

U of A grads learn movie-making at the Canadian Film Centre

By Alan Findlay

SHOT 1. FROM VEHICLE. DRIVER'S POINT OF VIEW. *Camera pans along a long, rural-style driveway, coming to rest on an off-white stone estate house standing majestically amid spacious grounds.*

Approaching the Winfields Estate, it is easy to imagine it as the setting for a film. It would be ideal for the latest cinematic adaptation of a Jane Austen novel if not for the fact that the present day keeps intruding — there's a granite addition to the two-storey flat-rock estate house to make it wheelchair accessible, the stable house to the right sports a Warner Brothers logo above the door, and about a hundred yards in front of the house is a busy commuter road in present-day north Toronto.

In real life the impressive nine-hectare estate in North York is the setting not for a film, but for a one-of-a-kind film institution. It is the home of the Canadian Film Centre, grooming ground for tomorrow's great film-makers, as elite as the plush estate on which it is located. Each year the Centre selects no more than 26 aspiring screenwriters, directors and producers for its residency programs.

Last fall, two of the chosen few were U of A grads: **Keith Henning**, '80 BCom, '86 LLB and **Karen Walton**, '88 BFA, who both moved to Toronto to boost their celluloid careers. Walton went east in the autumn of 1994 and began the Centre's screenwriting residency last June. Henning moved last August, just in time to enter the producers' lab. Although both completed their programs in December, they still spend much of their time at the estate working on Centre-sponsored projects.

Designed to be a launching pad for young film-makers, the Centre exposes its residents to "a wide array of professionals, the best of the bunch, who are teaching them," says Jane Halpenny, the Centre's manager of communication. The "best of the bunch" has recently included David Cronenberg, Gerard Depardieu, Whoopi Goldberg and John Landis.

The Centre was founded eight years ago by Canadian director Norman Jewison on the former estate of the late industrialist E.P. Taylor, leased from the city for \$2

per year. Many of its graduates are now on the cutting edge of Canadian film. They include Don McKellar (co-writer of *Thirty-two Short Films About Glenn Gould* and *Dance Me Outside*) and Clement Virgo (writer-director of *Rude*, which premiered at last year's Cannes Film Festival).

Inside the main house, in the former living room, photographs of Jewison, Peter Ustinov, Robert Mitchum, Sophia Loren and a dozen-or-so other icons of the film world line the walls. Comfortable despite the unblinking gaze of these cinema giants, Keith Henning sits at the room's long meeting table and discusses his career. His presence here might seem out of place, considering his law and business background, but Henning would argue that he has the ideal training to become a successful producer.

Photos by Babak



The 39-year-old discovered film production through communications courses he took while completing an MBA in Calgary. "I became more exposed to the academic, philosophical study of television, film ... all kinds of modes of communication," he says. He got involved in a few production projects two years ago and made a promotional film for Shaw Cable and the Calgary Freenet Association. The 10-minute promo won second place in that year's Montana Film Festival — not a big festival, Henning admits, but it exposed him to more people in the industry. One of them mentioned the Canadian Film Centre, and Henning was intrigued.

"I knew I wanted to be a producer at

that point," Henning says, so he applied and got in. "I don't have a lot of background in production *per se*, so I guess what they were interested in was the fact that I have a business and law background."

Once Henning arrived in Toronto, he and nine others spent the next three months in the producers' lab putting together short films and hearing film people speak about the industry. As for his own productions, Henning says his creative interests run the full spectrum. One of the shorts he produced during his residency is a dark tale about a man who murders a prostitute, but Henning would also like to try a television sitcom. "There's nothing specific that I'm drawn toward," he says. He pauses. "I do enjoy things that are not quite standard, run-of-the-mill."

Henning was granted additional funding from the Film Centre in January to produce the short film, *Deeply, Deeply Trunk*, which he expects to complete by this summer to enter it in various film festivals. Written by another Centre resident, *Deeply, Deeply Trunk* features a surreal chase

through the extremely deep trunk of a man's car. The man leads a police officer through a bizarre series of scenes stemming from the officer's own subconscious.

Henning recently produced a short film about a surreal chase through a car's trunk. He says, "I do enjoy things that are not quite standard, run-of-the-mill."

Henning enlisted the writing talents of fellow grad Karen Walton to edit the screenplay for *Deeply, Deeply Trunk* prior to filming. As a former drama student, Walton's progression to the Film Centre is a bit straighter than Henning's, although she didn't try her hand at writing until a year after graduating from the U of A. Since then, she has never looked back. "As a performer, I saw what made a good story, and how things were put together," she says. "Through school, I gained a real strong sense of the academic side of drama."

With the help of her credit card, Walton wrote, directed and produced her first short film, *Smoke Screen*, which aired on CBC's now-defunct program *Open Wide* in 1990. It's a comic story of a woman who is desperately trying to quit smoking. On a date, her companion lights up a cigarette

after dinner. She becomes obsessed with getting his cigarette, but he interprets her aggression as more amorous than addictive.

The next year, Walton won a radio-drama contest on CBC's *Morningside*. "I wasn't even calling myself a writer at the



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time. I was just addicted to making these stories," she recalls. "I like to blend genres, make you uncomfortable and make you laugh at stuff that's more often taken seriously. It's raw. I do a lot of raw, raw stuff."

Walton says the screenwriting residency was "very demanding. It's totally hands-on. You're constantly writing and shooting, writing and shooting every day."

Since completing her residency in December, Walton has written another short screenplay for the Centre — she considers the extra work her "graduate program." She also signed a deal in early March to write a half-hour television series for a Canadian station, but the details are still secret. She quickly credits the Film Centre for what she hopes is to be a successful writing career. "It was a learning opportunity and a chance to get set up with people in the area. It's your foot into the door of this industry because it has a certain prestige."

Walton and Henning are busy now and have no immediate plans to leave Toronto, but both say they're willing to go wherever opportunities take them: Vancouver, Edmonton, Europe — or even Hollywood.

"I don't imagine that I'll ever go to Hollywood, but you never know," Henning says. From his place on the wall, Keanu Reeves, another Canadian who followed his destiny in film, looks on. 🎓



BOOKMARKS

The Digital Economy

Don Tapscott, '78 MEd

Information technology guru Don Tapscott uses examples of corporations from Boeing to Wal-Mart to demonstrate how the "I-way" (Tapscott's term for the information highway) is transforming business practices and the marketplace. (McGraw-Hill)



Icefields

Thomas Wharton, '91 BA, '93 MA

The first novel by this Alberta author took the Banff National Park Award and the Grand Prize for Best Book Overall at the 1995 Banff Mountain Book Festival. Wharton's tale of a man who becomes obsessed with the glacier near Jasper, Alberta was originally written for his master's creative writing thesis at the U of A. (NeWest Press)



Edmonton: The Life of a City

Bob Hesketh, '86 BA, '89 MA, '93 PhD, and Frances Swyripa, '73 BA, '76 MA, '88 PhD

Commemorating Edmonton's bicentennial celebration in 1995, this collection of articles on the history of Alberta's capital city features nostalgic photographs from the Provincial Archives of



Alberta and personal collections. (NeWest Press)

A Likely Story

Robert Kroetsch, '48 BA

Through a collection of personal essays, poems and speculative pieces, this previous winner of a Governor General's Award, reflects on how his vocation as a writer has shaped his life. (Red Deer College Press)



Wind Shifter

Linda Smith, '70 BLS

The first novel from Smith, the children's librarian at the Grande Prairie Public Library, is a mystical fantasy for young people about an apprentice wizard who makes a heroic attempt to save her beloved homeland through the power of love and friendship. (Thistledown Press)



Big Boy

Tololwa Mollel, '79 MA

Based on a traditional African folk tale, this children's book tells the contemporary story of a little boy who wishes to be big, and then learns that his responsibilities increase along with his size. The author uses several words from Kiswahili, the national language of Tanzania, and a short glossary is included. (Stoddard)



Moon Honey

Suzette Mayr, '92 MA

The love affair of a young white couple becomes complicated when the woman becomes black, to the dismay of the man's racist mother, in this funny new novel. (NeWest Press)



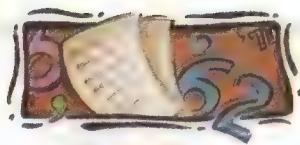
Also Noted...

Meet the Aunts (Samanpeter Publications)
Margaret Walker, '43 BA, '46 BEd

The Team Coach: Vital New Skills for Supervisors and Managers in a Team Environment (Amacom)
Donna Deepprose, '60 BA

Lest We Forget: A History of the Memorial Organ in Convocation Hall at the University of Alberta (Cabrien Publishing)
Marnie Giesbrecht, '75 BMus, '88 DMus

Mythical Times (LightWing Publishing)
Maurice Turmel, '83 PhD



CLASS NOTES

'46 Marylea Roushdy-Gemie, BSc, reports that she is retired in Carrutherstown in "beautiful southwest Scotland" and is helping to raise some of her 10 grandchildren.

'49 William Hurlburt, LLB, '48 BA, recently received the Law Society of Alberta's Distinguished Service Award for service to the legal profession.

Robert Thompson, BSc(Eng), and his wife have been retired in Perth, Australia since he left his position as associate dean of Engineering at Carleton U in 1983. Robert, a Second World War veteran who served in the RCAF from 1940-45 and from 1949-66, dreamed of attending the U of A while delivering groceries to many faculty members and students as a Safeway manager in the '30s. "So you see, we appreciate the chance you gave me" to attend university under the veterans' training plan, he writes. He reminisces about two of his '49 engineering physics classmates **Ed Parks** and **John Ruptash**, the latter whom he later encountered as dean of Engineering at Carleton. Robert and his wife, who met on the Fort Macleod air force base, were married in 1942 and have four children.

'50 Douglas J. Sherbaniuk, BA, '53 LLB, who recently retired after 27 years as director of the Canadian Tax Foundation, received the 1995 Tax Executives Institute Distinguished Service Award.

'52 Peter Lougheed, LLB, '51 BA, '86 LLD (Honorary), recently received the Distinguished Service to the Community Award from the Law Society of Alberta.

'53 Alan Bell, BA, '55 BEd, '67 MEd, was recently elected vice-president, Alberta region for the Association of

Canadian Clubs. There are six Canadian Clubs in Alberta providing forums for promoting Canadian identity and unity, he reports.

Charles Hantho, '53 BSc(Eng), is now a director of Interlink Freight Systems Inc., the employee-owned successor company to CP Express & Transport and CanPac International Freight Services. He is also the chair and a director of both Dominion Textile Inc. and of Dofasco Inc.

'54 Gordon Greene, BA, '55 BEd, '62 MA, is a former dean of the Faculty of Music at Wilfred Laurier U. He currently teaches at that university and at the U of Toronto. Gordon fondly remembers his years at the U of A and the influences of music professor Richard Eaton, English professor Frederick Salter, and philosophy professor Anthony Mardiros. He recalls that in Mixed Chorus circa 1952 he stood "shoulder to shoulder" with former U of A alumni director **Alex Markle**, '48 BA, '62 BEd, '65 MEd and Governor General's Award-winning author **Rudy Wiebe**, '56 BA, '60 MA. **James Lore**, BSc(Ag), and **June Lore (Oel)**, '53 Dip(Nu), '54 BSc(Nu), live in Carstairs, Alberta and have five adult children. Jim is the president of Jim Lore & Associates Ltd. and the chairman of Olds Community College. He has worked extensively in the fields of arbitration and mediation, land use, agricultural environmental research, farm development and management, and rural land and damage appraisal.



Eldor Paul, '54 BSc(Ag), '56 MSc, a soil microbiology and biochemistry professor at Michigan State U, recently received the Soil



(right), '49 BA, '50 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary) and **Roderick McLennan** (left), '57 BA, '58 LLB were the campaign co-chairs. **Bob Lloyd**, '59 BCom, '62 LLB, was the '62 class leader.

Law Campaign 75 raised its goal of \$3 million, thanks in part to the efforts of **Gary Campbell**, '62 LLB, '58 BCom (centre) and the '62 law class. That class raised approximately 10 per cent of the total goal — more than \$300,000. Leading the way was **David McLean**, '59 BA, '62 LLB, '94 LLD (Honorary), with a gift of \$250,000. Campbell, **Tevie Miller**

Science Research Award for 1995 from the Soil Science Society of America.

'55 Craig Norstrom, MD, recently received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Augustana U College in Camrose, Alberta. Now retired, he was previously a clinical assistant professor at the U of Texas and was engaged in private neurosurgical practice.

'56 Earl Joudrie, BA, the chair of Algoma Steel, was recently named to the board of directors of Unitel Communications Co.

'59 Allen Cromb, '59 BCom, was recently recognized for outstanding sales achievement in 1995 by Investors Group Financial Services Inc.

Geoffrey Davies, MSc, is now retired and recently moved from Saudi Arabia to Limassol, Cyprus.

'60 John Butt, MD, is a forensic pathologist who was recently appointed chief medical examiner for the province of Nova Scotia. Formerly, he was Alberta's chief medical examiner and a professor at the U of Calgary.

Jacqueline Charlesworth (Davison), BA, was recently recognized by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada for excellence among brokerage representatives dealing with the public. **Marguerite Paulsen (Devalois)**, BSc(HEC), of Nesbitt Burns Inc. in Calgary, has been recognized for excellence among brokerage representatives by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

'62 Lorna Cammaert, BA, received the 1995 Sarah Shorten award from the Canadian Association of University Teachers, recognizing her efforts on behalf of women in the academic community. Most recently, Lorna was vice-president, student affairs at the U of Calgary.

Gloria Wynnyk (Slamko),

BSc(Pharm), was recently appointed vice-president, professional affairs, for Northwest Drug Company in Edmonton, where she has been employed since 1978. Most recently, she was manager, pharmaceutical and hospital services with the company.

'64 Frederick Laux, LLB, '63 BA, a law professor at the U of A, recently received the honorary distinction Queen's Counsel.

'65 Ellen Shillabeer (Sprinkle), BSc(Eng), is senior principal, Office of the Auditor General in Ottawa.

Russell Smart, BCom, runs the Russell Smart Financial Group in Vancouver.

L.J. Roy Wilson, BEd, '70 MEd, '75 PhD, is the president of the Alberta School Boards Association in Edmonton. He has been a school trustee for Medicine Hat School District #76 since 1979 and is also vice-president of the Canadian School Boards Association.

'66 Ken Kowalski, BA, '70 MA, was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Winnifred Stewart Foundation of Edmonton. He is the MLA for Barrhead-Westlock.

Richard Marceau, LLB, '63 BA, recently became a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench.

James Montgomery, BSc(Eng), the founder of the Alberta company Thermo Design Engineering Ltd., recently received a 1995 Pinnacle Award, an honor sponsored by the Calgary-based law firm Milner Fenerty to recognize entrepreneurial excellence.

'67 Herbert Andersen, BSc(Ag), senior manager of the Alberta Financial Services Corporation, was recently elected for a four-year term on the governing board of Augustana U College in Camrose, Alberta.

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Margaret Stevenson (McPhee), BEd, '69 MED, '95 PhD, calls her recent doctoral degree in elementary education a "retirement project." For a decade she was the supervisor, language arts with Edmonton Public Schools — work which she says formed the basis for her doctoral thesis. A chapter of her thesis has been published in *Who Owns Learning? Questions of Autonomy, Choice and Control* (published by Heinemann).

'68 Robert Baines, LLB, '64 BSc, a Lethbridge lawyer with the firm Stringam, Denecky, was recently appointed Queen's Counsel.

Stuart Donaldson, BA, director and founder of Myosymmetries International in Edmonton, recently received an award for "Outstanding Contribution to the Interdisciplinary Pain Management literature for 1995" from the American Journal of Pain Management.

'69 William McLean, BSc(Eng), was recently appointed chair of the board of the Edmonton Construction Association. He is the president of McLean Young Construction Ltd.

Timothy Melton, BCom, has been appointed to the board of directors of Edmonton Power.

Eileen Mercier, MA, the president of Finvoy Management Inc., was recently named to the board of directors of Journey's End Corp. and of the independent hardware firm CGI.

Keith O'Nions, PhD, holds a professorship in the physics and chemistry of minerals at the U of Cambridge, where he is a Royal Society Research Professor and a fellow of St. Hugh's College.

Anne-Marie Stacey (Swanson), BMus, '71 MMus, '94 BEd, and **Hugh Stacey**, BMus, '72 BEd, '78 MEd, live in Bangkok, Thailand where they both teach at the International School. Anne-Marie performed as a soprano soloist with the Bangkok Combined Choir and Bangkok Chamber Orchestra last December during several sold-out performances of Handel's *Messiah*.

'70 Peter Gresshoff, BSc, was recently elected a foreign fellow of the Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He occupies the Racheff Chair of Plant Molecular Genetics at the U of Tennessee.

James MacSween, BA, a Red Deer

lawyer with the firm Schnell MacSween, recently received the honorary distinction Queen's Counsel.

Andrew Oliver, PhD, of Port Hope, Ontario is the director, special projects for Cameco Corp.

'71 David Buzzeo, BSc, recently received the 1995 James C. Kinniburgh Award as the top graduating fellow from the Insurance Institute of Canada.

Ross Embree, BSc(Eng), and **Joan Embree**, '71 BSc(HEC), now live in Brussels, where Ross joined NATO to work on the air command and control system project as the senior logistics engineer. Ross has retired from the

military after 22 years with the Canadian Forces.

Tako Koning, BSc, is geosciences manager with Texaco Panama Inc. in Luanda, Angola. Previously, he spent three years with Texaco in Lagos, Nigeria as assistant managing director of exploration.

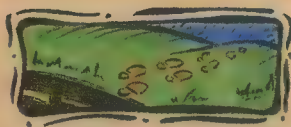
'72 John Chipperfield, BSc, manager of geology for Sproule Associates Ltd., now sits on the board of directors of that company.

Lawrence Langager, LLB, '71 BA, a St. Paul, Alberta lawyer, recently received the honorary distinction Queen's Counsel.

'73 Kerry Bjarnason, BSc, obtained an LLB from the U of Western Ontario in 1977 and has been practising law in Edmonton since. She is the chair of the board of the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region.

Faith Ivall, Cert(Nu), is a public health nurse at a health unit in Chilliwack, B.C. Five years ago she returned from an extended stay in Saudi Arabia.

Daniel Penzer, BSc, reports from Newton, Massachusetts that he has been working as a vocational instructor with mentally retarded and autistic individuals. He has also been a volunteer in the Middle East, a medical research lab assistant, a nurse, and a



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

As a movie usher in his home town of Stettler, Alberta **Michael Szapko** couldn't have anticipated that one day he'd truly be behind the scenes in Hollywood.

Szapko, '70 BSc, '71 Dip(Ed) — or "Dr. Mike," to his patients — is a Los Angeles-area chiropractor who goes behind the scenes on the sets of hit television series such as *Frasier* and *Picket Fences* and on location with blockbuster films like *Apollo 13* and *Batman Forever*.

"It's a rare privilege to be there," says Szapko, who attributes his popularity with famous patients not only to his chiropractic skills but also to his discretion on the set. "You're in their work environment, it's not like when they come to your office. You must abide by the set protocol, and not interfere with what's going on." He also treats a few regular patients at his home-based practice in Santa Monica — patients who don't mind his frequent comings and goings. "I think they're stoked that their chiropractor is doing this," he says.

The "Chiropractor to the Stars" — a title coined for Szapko by his first and most loyal star patient, Ted Danson — says that Hollywood has embraced healthier lifestyles in the last few years, including alternative therapies such as chiropractic, acupuncture, and massage therapy.

"Fame, money, the lifestyle...all take their toll on the body. My work is to undo those stresses and restore balance into the body."

After graduation from the U of A, Szapko worked as an Edmonton-area high school teacher for five years before attending chiropractic college in Iowa and eventually emigrating to the United States. Danson became a patient at Szapko's El Toro, California practice in 1991, which led to Szapko becoming the chiropractor to the *Cheers* cast — in fact, he was behind the scenes with cast and crew during the airing of the momentous final episode at Hampshire House, the watering hole that inspired the series.

A few years ago, Szapko says he "became imbued with the idea" that he wanted to act himself. Studying acting for two years gave him an even greater respect for the training, discipline, and years of dedication required for great actors to develop their vocal instrument and their craft. Ultimately, he decided to stick to chiropractic. "I see so many people who have been confused and angry and disheartened by show business," he says. "It's obvious why they're plagued with these emotions: there's one part, and thousands grabbing for it."

As a Hollywood insider, Szapko frequently rubs elbows with stars at entertainment industry events such as the recent Screen Actors Guild Awards, at which he was a guest of the *Apollo 13* cast and crew. The chiropractor was unexpectedly pressed into professional service when David Duchovny, the star of the television series *The X-Files*, asked Szapko to examine a stiff finger joint. Szapko performed a minor adjustment on the spot, and the actor gratefully wiggled his finger and took Szapko's card. That's one more satisfied patient for Hollywood's Dr. Mike.



Doc Hollywood Michael Szapko with *Apollo 13* actors Kevin Bacon and Tom Hanks.

residential psychiatric worker. Daniel cherishes U of A memories of living in Henday Hall with roommate **Richard Liikala**, '74 BSc(Eng), and his days on the track and cross-country teams under captain **Bill McBlain**, '72 MSc, '76 PhD, a U of A faculty member in Medicine. Daniel enjoys canoeing and bluegrass music.

Jack Perraton, LLB, '69 BCom, a Calgary lawyer with the firm Field & Field, recently received the Distinguished Service to the Community Award from the Law Society of Canada.

Robert Renwick, BLS, is the librarian at the Fort Hamilton Post Library in Brooklyn, New York.

Peter Teasdale, LLB, '72 BA, Alberta Justice's regional director of general prosecutions for northern Alberta, recently received the honorary distinction Queen's Counsel.

Beverly Wittmack (Jackson), BCom, the president of Humford Management Inc., is the new Edmonton Chamber of Commerce treasurer.

'74 Gordon Alteman, LLB, '71 BA, was recently appointed director, Pacific region, of the First American Title Insurance Company.

Robert Anderson, BSc(Ag), farms near Kathryn, Alberta. He was recently elected to a two-year term as a director of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. He is currently serving a second term as a councillor in the municipal district of Rocky View.

Peter Flynn, PhD, the vice-president, marketing for Sherritt-Gordon Ltd. in Fort Saskatchewan, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Edmonton Power.

Paul Goettler, BSc(Eng), recently moved from Edmonton to Regina to become chief electrical engineer with Cochrane Engineering Inc.

Daudi Kinshaga, BEd, '85 PhD, is a regional centre director for the Dodoma and Singida Region in Tanzania.

Leonard Russell, MEd, reports that he retired in 1994 as a superintendent of education in Summerside, P.E.I. after 17 years there. He lives in rural P.E.I. in a restored 1880s farmhouse.

Douglas Schuster, BCom, '80 MBA, and **Elaine Pollard**, '81 BEd, live in St. Albert, Alberta. Douglas is a partner and co-founder of Adroit Investment Management Ltd. in Edmonton, a three-year-old firm with more than \$100

million in assets. Elaine is a teacher at Archbishop Jordan High School in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

Theresa Sourisseau (Harris), BEd, has left her teaching job to raise her family in Pincher Creek, Alberta where her husband works for Shell Canada.

Kerrie Spencer (Hawes), BA, is the president of Omni Communications and the owner and manager of Prairie Seasons Bed & Continental Breakfast in White City, Saskatchewan.

'75 Gary Dunn, LLB, '74 BA, recently established his own law firm in Vancouver, with a practice centred around companies in the informatics and computer and software industries.

Emmanuel Egbogah, MSc, was recently honored as a Distinguished Member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers for his work in the field of petroleum engineering and his service to the Society. He is a technical adviser in the petroleum engineering department of Petronas Carigali Sdn Bhd in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Donald Fontaine, BA, of Battleford, Saskatchewan, is a land agrologist with Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food.

Juri Kasemets, MEng, is manager,

Atlantic region, with the explosives branch of Natural Resources Canada.

Kenneth Kuhn, MA, '89 PhD, and **Marie Kuhn (Salvesen)**, '76 BEd, live in Winnipeg, where Ken is a Protestant chaplain at Stony Mountain Institution and Marie teaches special needs children at Weston Elementary School.

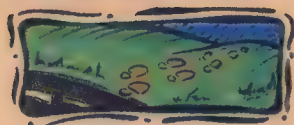
Dexter Scott, BMed, '77 MD, is chief of orthopedic surgery at Tahlequah City Hospital in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He is also a county medical examiner and serves on the consulting medical staff at two area hospitals.

'76 Cyril Gurevitch, LLB, '75 BA, a lawyer with the Grande Prairie firm Burgess & Gurevitch, recently received the honorary title Queen's Counsel.

Wayne Huk, BCom, an investment dealer with Nesbitt Burns Inc. in Edmonton, was recently recognized for excellence among brokerage representatives by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

William Huk, BCom, who works for Midland Walwyn Capital in Edmonton, was recently cited for professional excellence by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

Willie Littlechild, LLB, '67 BPE,



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

You turn on the TV and here's this guy with a guitar. He's dressed up in a cowboy outfit, and he's serenading a daisy out by some bush. "I could be your tall lungwort, baby," he warbles, inserting the names of wildflowers into the country music clichés of his song. The guy's obviously some sort of nut, you say — and you're right. He's Acorn, the Nature Nut.

"I've had a fanatical interest in nature since I was a kid," says **John Acorn**, '80 BSc, '88 MSc. "I can remember being absolutely fascinated by a book about insects when I was five years old." Fortunately for his ever-growing and loyal television audience, his parents didn't discourage that interest: "I think most kids are interested in bugs when they're young, but then they're given that message that it's time to quit. I guess I was never given that message."

Acorn: The Nature Nut, is produced by Great North Productions in Edmonton and is broadcast on the Discovery Channel and several independent stations across Canada. It has also been sold to The Learning Channel in the U.K., to Arab-speaking countries in the Middle East, to Malaysia, and to various independent PBS stations in the U.S.

While he has dealt with everything from microscopic life (for that episode, he dressed up as Antoni Van Leeuwenhook, the inventor of the microscope) to dinosaurs ("Giant Dumbos of the Past") on his shows, Acorn remains particularly fond of insects. "They're easy to wrangle," he says. "And they're good for the camera — you can get right up close."

Acorn has been putting on silly costumes and strumming his guitar in the interest of communicating science ever since he started work as a park interpreter at Sir Winston Churchill Park near Lac la Biche, Alberta in the summer of 1977. "What I am doing on television is exactly what I was doing when I was a naturalist for the Parks system," says Acorn, who also hosts *Twits and Pishers*, a bird-watching show that's also produced for the Discovery Channel by Great North and seen as far away as Japan.

While his often-zany antics in front of the camera sometimes obscure the fact, the Nature Nut is a serious scientist. He has degrees in entomology and paleontology, contributed a 16-page dinosaur article to *Compton's School Encyclopedia*, is the author and photographer of *The Butterflies of Alberta*, collaborates with U of A professor emeritus George Ball



on research into beetle evolution, and is president of the Edmonton Natural History Club.

And as for being a nut — Acorn is doing exactly what he loves, having a great time doing it, and getting paid. If that's nutty...

'75 MA, a lawyer in Hobbema, Alberta, recently received the honorary title Queen's Counsel.

Sterling Sanderman, LLB, '71 BA, an Edmonton lawyer with the firm Brimacombe, Sanderman recently received the honorary distinction Queen's Counsel.

'77 Glenis Benson, BSc, is an assistant professor in pediatrics at the U of South Dakota and director of the autism program at that university. She would love to hear from friends and classmates through e-mail at gbenson@sundance.usd.edu.

Eileen Gillese, BCom, will assume the position of dean of law at the U of Western Ontario in July 1996.

Ian Noble, BSc (Forestry), recently became vice-president, business development for Agriu Inc.

'78 Vernon Bachor, BSc, is the new director, business development and information systems for Kenonic Controls in Calgary.

Franklin Kobie, MBA, was recently appointed to the advisory board of Marsh & McLennan Ltd., an international insurance brokerage.

Walter Madro, BA, has been named the president of Ashland Scurlock Premian Canada Ltd.

Geoffrey Merritt, BSc(Eng), recently became the vice-president and general manager of Pembina Corp. in Calgary.

Verlyn Olson, LLB, '75 BA, a partner in the Camrose, Alberta law firm Andreassen Olson, was recently named to the board of Augustana U College. He is secretary of the Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation.

Brian Penrose, BA, is a philosophy lecturer at U of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.

John Wood, MBA, the president of APEGGA, was recently appointed general manager of Petro Equipment Sales Ltd. in Calgary.

'79 John Andersen, BSc, is a senior geologist and the leader of the Brazeau River team for Poco Petroleum Ltd.

Terry Blumenthal, BSc, a psychology professor at Wake Forest U in Salem, North Carolina, recently received the Award for Excellence in Research — the most prestigious research award at that university. He will spend a few weeks this summer doing research at Tilburg U in The Netherlands.

Marilyn Cherry (Freeman), BCom, lives in Redmond, Washington where



Sandy Murray, '73 BSc, '77 MD, has been selected as the Family Physician of the Year for Alberta by the College of Family Physicians.

The Red Deer doctor was selected for his contribution to family medicine, to the medical profession, and to his community. He has a family practice with particular interests in asthma and dermatology.

Murray has been active in various medical associations, such as the Red Deer Medical Society, the Alberta and Canadian Medical Associations, and the University of Alberta's Medical Alumni Association. A dedicated naturalist, he is a former president of the Red Deer River Naturalists Society. In addition he is involved with the Red Deer Royals Marching Show Band and the Red Deer Community Band Society.

When Murray received his award on 2 March 1996, he was presented with an *albarello*, which is an ancient apothecary jar.

she is a human resources manager at Microsoft. "My husband and I are enjoying the Seattle area," she writes.

Dale Horsley, BCom, an investment dealer with RBC Dominion Securities Inc. in Red Deer, has been recognized for excellence among brokerage representatives by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

Kenneth Johnson, BSc, '82 BSc(Eng), works for the systems integration group of Motorola in Calgary.

Eric Macklin, LLB, '76 BA, a lawyer with the Edmonton firm Duncan & Craig, recently received the honorary distinction Queen's Counsel.

Greg Miller, BSc(Eng), recently moved to Calgary to work for Imperial Oil Resources Ltd. as a risk assessment specialist in the process and facilities engineering department.

Peter Piening, BA, of Hull, Quebec, volunteers for the Quebec National Archives and the Tourette's Syndrome Society of Canada.

Janice Rennie (Moir), BCom, senior vice-president of Princeton Developments Ltd., sits on the board of directors of Edmonton Power.

Kirk Sisson, LLB, a lawyer with the Red Deer firm Sisson Warren, recently received the honorary distinction Queen's Counsel.

Kevin Sommer, BEd, a teacher at St. Jerome's School in Vermilion, Alberta for the past seven years, is married with three children.

'80 Harold Bakke, BCom, is an investment advisor with RBC Dominion Securities in Vancouver. He holds a master's degree in theology from Regent College in Vancouver, and is the current chair of Regent's Alumni Advisory Council.

Carol Jackson, BA, '83 BCom, was recently recognized for outstanding sales achievement in 1995 by Investors Group Financial Services Inc.

Michael Kavanaugh, BA, and **Kimberley Kavanaugh (Sherburn)**, '82 BEd, live in Oakville, Ontario, where Mike is manager, recruitment strategies for the Royal Bank of Canada. Kim is a homemaker and a partner in a consulting firm specializing in the design and delivery of learning workshops for the workplace.

Duncan MacDonald, BA, is a child and family therapist in Abbotsford, B.C. He reports that he is married and has two children. He enjoys hiking, canoeing, and watercolor painting.

Leroy Sloan, PhD, was recently appointed deputy minister of education for the government of Alberta.

Previously, he served as superintendent of the Central Okanagan School District in B.C. and as associate superintendent of the County of Parkland in Alberta.

James Tayler, BEd, is a special education teacher with the Carleton Board of Education in Ottawa. He is working on an MEd in educational administration from the U of Ottawa.

Catherine Yau, BA, recently moved from Hong Kong to Vancouver and reported that she was looking for work.

'81 Janet Coffey-Olson, BEd, has been the minister at Rosetown United Church in Saskatchewan for the past four years. She reports that her education degree often comes in handy as she has recently been supervising an intern minister. Janet, who enjoys golfing, glasswork, and square dancing, recently married a fellow dancer.

Milton March, PhD, reports from Hawker, Australia that he is now retired and spends his time fishing, touring, and relaxing.

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The Alumni Association has noted with sorrow the passing of the following graduates:

William Alma Anderson '24 BSc(Ag), of Raymond, Alberta in October 1994

John Alexander McAllister '24 BSc(Ag), of Victoria in February 1996

Otto Ruder Younge '24 BSc, '29 MSc, of Honolulu in October 1995

Mertle Laura Anderson (Morrow) '25 BA, of Victoria in March 1996

Harmon Alan Shipley '25 Dip(Pharm), of Lacombe, Alberta in December 1995

Bertha Grace Studholme '25 BA, '32 BSc(HEC), '35 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton in February 1996

Nicholas Charles Strilchuk '26 MD, of Mundare, Alberta in March 1996

Rose Irene Lesik (Billey) '28 Dip(Nu), '44 Dip(PHNU), of Edmonton in March 1996

Norma Shibley Carlaw (Day) '29 Dip(Nu), of Mississauga, Ontario in August 1995

Vera May Crockford (Palmer) '30 BCom, of Edmonton in December 1995

Donald Ludwig McCallum '30 BA, of Edmonton in January 1996

Eva Gertrude Hackett (Beattie) '31 BA, of Calgary in January 1996

Joseph Lucien Maynard '31 LLB, of Edmonton in February 1996

Dudley Blair Menzies '31 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in November 1995

Patrick Garrow '32 BSc(Ag), '38 MSc, '63 BEd, of Calgary in March 1996

Helen Jane Hall (Garrow) '32 BSc(HEC), of Brooks, Alberta in December 1995

James Linden Bolton '33 BSc(Ag), '36 MSc, of Edmonton in December 1995

William Royce Craig '33 BSc(Eng), of Lethbridge in October 1995

Elizabeth Turnbull (Forryan) '33 BA, '34 Dip(Ed), of Onoway, Alberta in February 1996

Jack James McIntyre '34 BA, of Edmonton in March 1996

Frederick Tyner Gale '35 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in October 1995

Marshall Kulka '35 BSc, '36 MSc, of Guelph, Ontario in June 1994

Lorenzo Vance MacDonald '35 MD, of Edmonton in December 1995

David Appelt '36 BA, '37 MA, of St. Catharines, Ontario in March 1996

Louise Isabelle McCallum '36 Dip(Nu), '64 Dip(Nu), of Edmonton in December 1995

Hilda Rebus (Allen) '36 BA, of Edmonton in January 1996

Arthur Donald McFadden '37 BSc(Ag), of Lacombe, Alberta in December 1995

John Constantine Charyk '38 BSc, '42 BEd, '49 MEd, of Hanna, Alberta in February 1996

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Vernon Arthur Hayward '38 BSc(Eng), of Ottawa in September 1995

Harry Orme Howey '38 BSc(Eng), of Vancouver in April 1995

Fred Theodor Semeniuk '39 BSc(Pharm), of Chapel Hill, North Carolina in January 1996

Ian Bain '41 BSc, of Burnaby, B.C. in November 1995

James Maxwell Roxburgh '42 BSc(Eng), '47 MSc, of Orleans, Ontario in July 1994

Lyman Hinman Jacobs '43 BA, of Raymond, Alberta in September 1995

Edward Garland Kidd '43 BSc, '45 MD, of Edmonton in December 1995

Jean-Louis Lebel '43 LLB, of Calgary in November 1995

Clare Whillans Olsen '43 DDS, of Edmonton in August 1995

John Ogwen Parry '43 BA, '49 LLB, of Ottawa in October 1995

Martha Higgins (Schuler) '44 Dip(PHNU), of Vauxhall, Alberta in March 1996

Donald Lyon MacDonald '44 BSc(Eng), of Vancouver in December 1995

Richard Emerson Blumell '45 BA, of Magrath, Alberta in January 1996

William Bruce '45 BEd, '48 MEd, of Edmonton in January 1996

Andrew Cairns '45 MD, of Edmonton in February 1996

John Robert Jorgens '45 BSc(Ag), of White Rock, B.C. in November 1995

Ole Amandus Olson '46 BEd, '63 MEd, of Ladysmith, B.C. in December 1995

David Percy Green '47 BEd, '63 MEd, of Edmonton in December 1995

Kenneth Hill '47 MSc, of Logan, Utah in October 1995

Allen Russell Partick '47 BEd, of Edmonton in December 1995

Alethea Mae Stewart '47 BEd, '49 MEd, of Edmonton in November 1995

Hugh Doherty '48 BEd, '52 MEd, of Vernon, B.C. in November 1995

Mary Madeline Longworth (Gish) '48 BA, of Edmonton in June 1995

Violet DeBruin (Ulasovetz) '49 BA, of Scarborough, Ontario in September 1995

Walter Joseph Mudry '49 BSc, '51 MD, of Calgary in February 1996

Metro Tom Predy '49 Dip(Ed), of Smoky Lake, Alberta in February 1996

Royal Cleaveland Sills '49 DDS, of Saskatoon in February 1996

Benjamin Lisle Waterman '49 BEd, of Devon, Alberta in December 1995

Constance Elaine Assaly (Shaw) '50 BA, of Edmonton in December 1995

Ray George Davis '50 BSc, '52 MD, of Edmonton in January 1996

Margaret Anderson Marshall '50 BA, of Calgary in February 1996

Wallace Watson McSween '50 BSc, '54 LLB, of Ardrossan, Alberta in February 1996

David Prud'homme, PhD, has been working in a number of Russian cities on a World Bank project with Russia's Federal Employment Service.

David Zimmer, BCom, recently became a partner with the Edmonton accounting firm Deloitte & Touche.

'82 Faye Donkin, BSc(Nu), who obtained an MHSA from Dalhousie U in 1993, is now the provincial executive director of VON Nova Scotia.

Paul Fraser, BCom, recently became a partner with the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand in Edmonton.

Allan Gibson, BSc, teaches in the Department of Biology at Malaspina U College in Nanaimo, B.C.

Daniel van Heyst, BFA, '93 MFA, is a sessional instructor of drama and visual art at King's U College in Edmonton. Since 1993, he has been designing stage productions and was recently named a director of Christians in Theatre Arts, Canadian prairies region.

'83 Douglas Cox, BSc(Eng), the executive vice-president and chief operating officer of Princeton Developments Ltd., sits on the board of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce.

James Dalton, MEd, recently became CEO and superintendent of schools for Evergreen School Division #2 in Gimli, Manitoba.

Dennis Denis, LLB, '80 BA, an Edmonton lawyer with Durocher Simpson, is vice-chair of the board of trustees of the Edmonton Public Library.

Sheilah Martin, LLM, the U of Calgary's dean of law, received the Law Society of Alberta's Distinguished Service Award in Legal Scholarship.

Catherine Page (Hotke), MD, '81 BMed, reports that "another Page has been added to our family book of life:" their third child, a daughter. Catherine, who is married to U of A physics professor Don Page, is on maternity leave from her part-time family medical practice in Sherwood Park.

Joel Skulsky, BCom, recently moved from Kelowna, B.C. to Calgary to become general division operations manager, refined products for Husky Oil.

Donald Svendsen, BCom, recently retired from police service after 26 years with the RCMP, most recently as officer in charge of the economic crime bureau. He is now a senior manager of KPMG in Toronto.

David Wilson, BCom, recently became a partner in the Edmonton office of the firm Deloitte & Touche.



Fix-it noon hours, an outdoor classroom, and a "green team" for environmental awareness. These are just a few of the initiatives that earned Sherwood Park teacher **Rocque Richard**, '83 BEd, the national Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology and Mathematics. Richard, a teacher of Grades 5 and 6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, accepted his award on 15 February from Prime Minister Jean Chretien in Ottawa. Other U of A alumni receiving awards include **Marion Florence**, '66 BSc, a regional winner from Oilfields Junior/Senior High School in Black Diamond, Alberta; and **Douglas Erickson**, '74 BEd, a local winner from Brentwood School in Strathmore, Alberta.

'84 Dale Bercov, LLB, '80 BCom, has joined the law firm Brownlee Fryett as an associate in its Edmonton office.

Donald Dingwell, PhD, will receive the 1996 MSA Award of the Mineralogical Society of America for outstanding contributions by a young scientist for his work on the physico-chemical properties of silicate melts.

Wesley Hochachka, BSc, '85 MSc, is a research associate at the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, U of Montana.

Calvin Klatt, BSc(Eng), has a PhD in space science from York U and is now a program manager at ATI Technologies in Toronto. He chairs the Toronto section of the Alpine Club of Canada.

Penny Lyons (Anholt), '90 MBA, '88 BA, and **Gary Lyons**, LLB, '78 BA, '80 Cert(Arts), live in Bermuda, where Gary is with Assante International Advisory Services and Penny works for Quadrant Capital Management Ltd.

Alison Roppel, BA, lives on a farm near Rockyford, Alberta with her husband and daughter. She recently reported that they were expecting their second child in spring '96.

Nancy Schneider (Smith), '84 BCom, and **Marc Schneider**, '85 BPE, have combined their talents to launch BraceWorks, a custom orthotics practice which will open in Calgary this summer. Marc became a certified orthotist in 1988 through studies at the B.C. Institute of Technology. The couple were married in 1989, and have one daughter.

'85 Eugene Buder, '85 MEd, is an assistant professor of speech science at the School of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at the U of Memphis.

Stephen Doyle, BCom, and **Linda Doyle (Walchuk)**, BA, recently moved with their young son to Calgary, where Stephen is a tax accountant with Coopers & Lybrand.

Gail Hall, BA, the founder of the Edmonton catering company Gourmet Goodies, recently received a 1995 Pinnacle Award, an honor sponsored by the Calgary law firm Milner Fenerty as a way of recognizing entrepreneurial excellence.

Roman Lohin, BSc(Eng), recently moved to Calgary, where he is now an environmental engineer with Shell Canada Products Ltd.

Jeffrey May, BSc(Pharm), of Calgary is pharmacy operations coordinator for Shoppers Drug Mart, prairie region.

Mark Shaul, BA, is a client manager for Marsh & McLennan Ltd., insurance brokers in Edmonton.

Richard Stadlwieser, BSc(Ag), is currently on a two-year volunteer assignment with CUSO in Asia, working in the areas of livestock and veterinary services and sustainable agriculture.

'86 Gisele Gaudet, BA(RecAdmin), received a master's degree in therapeutic recreation from the U of Oregon, and is now a faculty member at Georgia Southern U. She is completing a doctoral degree in recreation and leisure studies at the U of Georgia.

Ronald Nelson, LLB, '86 BCom, has recently become a partner in the Edmonton law firm Brownlee Fryett.

Scott Richardson, BSc(Eng), obtained an MBA from Queen's U and is now a management consultant. He writes that he is looking forward to working in Vancouver after having spent seven years in Australia.

'87 Neil Harle, BCom, lives in Vancouver with his wife and two children. "We are a husband and wife residential real estate team and don't miss the snow at all!"

James Laycock, BA, is a circulation sales and marketing analyst for the *London Free Press* newspaper. He is married and lives in St. Thomas, Ontario.

'88 Rebecca Bersagel, MA, is an acquisitions editor for the college division of the publishing house Prentice Hall Canada Inc.

Jonathon Brown, MSc, is a senior metallurgical engineer with MinCorp Ltd. near Denver. "We don't have children but we do have a spoiled cat and a neglected dog."

Peter Dent, BA, '92 BCom, is a CA with Deloitte & Touche in Edmonton.

David Hendrickson, BA(RecAdmin), is working in Morazán, El Salvador on a three-year assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee.

Shaun Hennessy, LLB, '84 BCom, recently joined the Edmonton law firm Chomicki Baril as an associate.

Cameron Hope, LLB, '85 BA, is now a partner in the Edmonton law firm

Maclean Dean Duckett Amelio.

Patricia Hotra, BA, reports that she is "back in Australia again working in a Japanese placement agency ... Enjoying life." Previously she taught English to Japanese school children.

Jean-Pierre Lee, BSc, is the Asia-Pacific regional manager for Virtual Prototypes Inc., a company which specializes in simulation products for defence-related products.

Brian Reardon, BSc, and **Tammy Reardon (McEachern)**, '90 BEd, live in Durham, North Carolina, where Brian is conducting DNA research and Tammy works for Durham Public Schools.

Edwin Ryan, BCom, recently became manager of the forensic and investigative services team for the law firm Coopers & Lybrand in Edmonton.

Normeo Tan (Chung), BA, '90 BA(RecAdmin), and **Gregory Tan**, '89 BSc(FdSci), live in Vancouver, where Greg works for a produce company and Normeo heads the recreation department and volunteer services for a mental health facility. They have one young daughter.

Brian Fleck, BSc(Eng), is completing a

PhD in computational fluid dynamics at Queen's U.

Sandra Mah, BCom, is now an associate with the Edmonton law firm Biamonte, Cairo & Shortreed.

'89 Janine Isenegger (Wagner), LLB, '86 BA, and **David Isenegger**, '90 LLB, '87 BA, were recently planning a move from Calgary to Geneva where David will work for the United Nations Compensation Commission, settling claims against Iraq arising out of the Gulf War. Janine planned to spend a few months studying French before resuming employment. In Calgary, David was an associate with the firm McCarthy Tetrault and Janine worked with the legal publisher Carswell.

Kathryn Yuers (Christensen), BCom, is a manufacturing analyst for Tesco Drilling Technology in Calgary.

'90 Patrick Hodgins, BA, manages a Truck Outfitters store in Red Deer. He is married with two children, and an active member of the Red Deer Titans rugby club.

Stefanie McGuigan, BEd, is a teacher and academic advisor at Red Deer College. Married in 1993, she reports, "I live happily on my acreage with my husband, two dogs, numerous cats, and chickens (no 'real' children yet)."

Hanumantha Pappu, PhD, is an assistant professor of plant pathology at the Clifton, Georgia Coastal Plain Station of the U of Georgia.

'91 Rena Backstrom (Scully), BEd, and **Erik Backstrom**, '95 BA, recently moved to Vancouver, where Erik is pursuing a master's degree in urban planning at UBC. They have one son.

Aruna D'Souza, BA, travelled and worked in India after graduation, and has since completed a master's degree in art history from NYU. She is pursuing a doctoral degree and lectures regularly at the Museum of Modern Art.

Christine Kyriakides, MD, has a pediatric medical practice in Edmonton.

Charlene Porter (Hlady), BA(RecAdmin), is a recreation therapist at High River Hospital and for a day support program.

Richard Renz, LLB, is an associate with the Edmonton law firm Snyder & Co.

Robert Stephenson, BSc(Eng), has been pursuing a PhD in scanning probe microscopy in the Electrical Engineering Department at the U of Cambridge for the past four years. He completed his doctoral degree last October, and is now

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Neil Thomas Moher '50 BCom, '77 BEd, of Edmonton in February 1996

Mary Anastocia Redmond '50 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton in February 1996

Cecil Henry Sangster '50 BEd, '56 MEd, of Calgary in September 1995

Alan Stewart Fitzsimmons '51 BCom, of Edmonton in March 1996

Elma Hazel Groves '51 Dip(Ed), '54 BEd, of Lethbridge in January 1996

Gavin Allan Hall '51 BCom, of Edmonton in March 1996

John Fergus Harcus '51 BSc(Ag), '53 BEd, '67 Dip(Ed), of Sherwood Park, Alberta in October 1995

Leonard Richard Newby '51 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in November 1995

John Albert Marty Shields '51 DDS, of Edmonton in January 1996

John Kenneth Chernochan

'52 BSc(Pharm), of Richmond, B.C. in November 1995

John David Pollock Cuyler '52 BSc, '55 BEd, '70 MEd, of Edmonton in February 1996

Rosa Wolters '52 BEd, '64 BA, of Edmonton in October 1995

Emily Pearl Koziak '53 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1996

Albert Joseph Prothero '53 DDS, of Vancouver in April 1995

Wybert Hugh Slater '53 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in November 1995

Olive Gertrude Young '53 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton in December 1995

Aida Barbara Biamonte '54 BEd, '67 BA, of Edmonton in March 1996

Joyce Doreen Friesen (Regehr) '54 Dip(Ed), '56 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1996

Norma Francis Grover '55 Dip(Ed), '57 Dip(Ed), '59 BEd, of Edmonton in January 1996

Douglas Arthur Hill '55 BSc(Ag), of Sherwood Park, Alberta in February 1996

George Michael Loughheed '55 BEd, of Edmonton in January 1996

Robert John Walker '57 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in January 1996

Robert Stephen '58 DDS, of Denton, Texas in January 1995

Edmund Charles Baker '60 BEd, of Devon, Alberta in December 1995

Ronald Glen McCready '61 BSc, '63 MSc, of Calgary in June 1995

William Roland Brooke '62 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in November 1995

John Knowles '62 MSc, of North Vancouver in December 1994

Lloyd Eugene Meldrum '62 BEd, of Magrath, Alberta in February 1996

Carl Eric Nelson '62 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1996

Charles James Calhoun Lyall '64 BSc(Eng), of Leduc, Alberta in March 1996



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Albert Gallagher '66 BSc(Ag), '72 MSc, of Fort McMurray, Alberta in June 1995
David Norman Costigan '67 BA, '68 LLB, of Edmonton in December 1995
Richard Michael Farion '67 BSc(Ag), of Vegreville, Alberta in January 1996
William Robert Hanson '67 BA, '73 MEd, of Calgary in January 1996
Ronald Spencer Lees '67 BSc(Eng), '70 MSc, of Calgary in June 1995
Karen Lee Zimmerman '67 BSc, of Mission, B.C. in March 1996
Walter George Krenz '68 BSc, of 100 Mile House, B.C. in June 1995
Jerome Francis Roth '68 BEd, of Penticton, B.C. in January 1996
George Spak '68 BEd, of Vegreville, Alberta in October 1995
Stewart James Barr '69 BA, of Edmonton in March 1996
Leslie James Brown '69 BEd, of Galiano Island, B.C. in March 1996
Barbara Anne Pooley (Forrester) '69 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1996
Nila Constance Cushman '70 BSc(Nu), of Sherwood Park, Alberta in January 1996
Jenniece Beryl Larsen '70 BSc(Nu), '76 MEd, '84 PhD of Saskatoon in January 1996
Ann Elizabeth Smith '70 BEd, of Edmonton in February 1996
Anna Magdalena Holman '71 BEd, of Edmonton in February 1996
Heinrich Wilhelm Matzigkeit '71 BA, of Calgary in February 1996
Norman Octave Gibeault '72 BEd, of Edmonton in November 1995
Kenneth Orville Lovig '72 BCom, of St. Albert, Alberta in February 1996
James Glen Stith '72 BPE, '73 Dip(Ed), of Sexsmith, Alberta in September 1995
Daniel Warwaruk '72 BSc(Eng), of St. Albert, Alberta in October 1995
Bent Edvard Hansen '73 BA, '78 MA, of Edmonton in November 1995
Ivan Jaroslav Satra '73 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in November 1995
Donald Michael Joseph Tremblay '73 BSc(Pharm) of Edmonton in February 1996
Ian Scott Wakefield '73 BA, of Johannesburg, South Africa in October 1995
Mabel Yaremci (Makowecki) '73 BEd, of Lavoy, Alberta in December 1995
Dorothyann Marie Laslo (Blake) '74 BEd, '83 Postgrad Dip, of Edmonton in February 1996
David Lawrence Yakimowich '74 BEd, '76 Dip(Ed), '79 MEd, of Two Hills, Alberta in December 1995
Isaias Baro Fernandez '75 BEd, of Edmonton in February 1996

doing post-doctoral research while searching for employment in Canada.

'92 Richard Davis, BCom, recently completed training with the Edmonton Police Service and is now a constable. Previously, he worked in the occupational therapy department at the U of A.
Patricia Draper (Easton), BEd, was married last year and is now a kindergarten teacher in Millarville, Alberta. "We bought a little fixer-upper house and have been 'Home Improving' ever since!"

Susan Eskdale, BEd, is a secretary with TransCanada Pipelines in Calgary.
Glen Kinnee, BCom, is a chartered accountant with the Edmonton firm Deloitte & Touche.

Kimberley McLean-Fiander, MA, is completing a PhD at the U of Oxford in the education of women writers in the English Renaissance. "A warm hello to all my friends and former professors in the Department of English."

Leslie Paetz, LLB, is an associate with the Edmonton law firm Chomicki Baril.

Gordon Roe, BA, completed an MA in anthropology at the U of Western Ontario last year, and is now working on a PhD from Simon Fraser U. "Still poor, still having fun," he reports.

Dhooleka Sarhadi Raj, BA, was recently awarded a War Memorial Doctoral Scholarship from the IODE toward her studies in social anthropology at the U of Cambridge.

Janie Scheidl (Weldon), BEd, is a teacher in St. Paul, Alberta. She is married and reports that she is involved in volleyball and power skating.

Linda Thorsen, MEd, is teaching for 18 months at the Tibetan Academy of Social Science through the English Language Institute in China Society.

Julie Zhou, MSc, '95 PhD, and **Simon Di**, PhD, '94 BEd, teach at Lakehead U and recently purchased a new home in Thunder Bay, Ontario. "We miss the University of Alberta a lot."

'93 Daniel Arychuk, BSc(Ag), is on a three-year assignment for the Central Mennonite Committee in Bwadlorens, Haiti with his wife and son, where he is an agricultural development worker.

James Bruce, MLIS, is the director of library and information services for the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre.
Morgan Davies, BCom, recently obtained his chartered accountant designation. He is now working as an accountant with the Edmonton firm

Yaremchuk & Annicchiarico.

Oscar Gonzales, MEng, is project manager for the ARPEL environmental program, a five-year project undertaken for oil companies in Latin America.

Kelly Heembrock, BA, is a sales representative for Proctor & Gamble's cosmetics division in Calgary. Previously, she worked for the company in Edmonton for more than two years.

Jennifer Holme (Passmore), '93 BEd, and **Allan Holme**, '94 LLB, live in Calgary, where Allan is a lawyer with Drummond, Phillips & Sevalrud. Jennifer teaches in Okotoks, Alberta.

Edmund Jay, BSc, '95 BEd, teaches science, math and computers to junior high school students at Clive School near Lacombe, Alberta. "It's a fantastic school, and though it's a lot of work, it's enjoyable — great bunch of kids!"

Randy Kondor, BSc(Eng), and **Karen Kondor(McTavish)**, '94 BEd, recently reported that they were expecting their first child in 1996. Randy works for Sequiter Software in Edmonton, and Karen is a substitute teacher for the Edmonton Public School Board.

Bradley Kopas, BCom, is a senior

partner in the audit and business advisory division of the Calgary office of Arthur Andersen and a volunteer for Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta.
Denise Munro, BSc(Nu), is working in an intensive care unit and training for a neonatal transport team in Dallas, Texas.
Keith Roscoe, PhD, is an associate professor of education at the U of Montana in Dillon. "Enjoying the local outdoor recreational opportunities and adapting to the 'same but different' way of life in the U.S.A."

John Simmons, BSc, is a constable with the Calgary Police Service.

Beverly Speight, BA, '95 MLIS, is a branch librarian for the legislative library in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

'94 Radecka Appiah-Padi, MSc, is the program coordinator of volunteer services and English as a second language for the Project Adult Literacy Society in Edmonton.

Jeanne Byron, LLB, is an associate with the Edmonton law firm Lucas Bowker & White.

Genevieve Chan, LLB, '91 BA, is an associate at the law firm Shtabsky & Tussman in Edmonton.

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Daniel Di Luigi, BCom, is working as a night auditor for a five-star hotel in Geneva, Switzerland.

Colin Fetter, LLB, '91 BCom, recently became an associate with the Edmonton law firm Brownlee Fryett.

Gregory Heaton, LLB, is an associate with Brownlee Fryett in Edmonton.

Gary Holan, LLB, is an associate with Brownlee Fryett in Edmonton.

Phyllis Hui, BSc(Eng), is a software engineer for a computer peripherals company in Singapore.

Peter Johanson, BCom, is a chartered accountant with the Edmonton firm Deloitte & Touche.

Clifford Keefe, PhD, is a chemistry professor at Central Newfoundland Regional College.

Laurie Knight, BA, recently completed a master's degree in political science from Simon Fraser U.

Lori Knight, BEd, teaches at an elementary school in Coutts, Alberta.

Jim Lake, BCom, and **Vera Turnez**, '94 BSc(Nu), live in Vancouver and are planning a wedding at Whistler, B.C. for August 1996. Jim is an account executive with Proctor & Gamble.

Thomas Lee, BCom, completed a master's degree in accounting from the U of Waterloo and now works for KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne in Toronto.

Kenda London (Soderstrom), BPE, coaches competitive gymnastics in Windsor, Ontario. She is married and recently reported that she was expecting her first child in spring '96.

Jennifer MacDonald, MEd, is a

U of A alumni were well represented when the 1996 Alberta Business Awards were held on 7 February in Calgary. Alumni owned and run companies won three awards and were nominated in five of the six categories. Winning Alberta Business Awards of Distinction in the marketing, strategic partnering and export categories, respectively, were Cis-Can Industries president **Harold Roozen**, '75 BCom; Fountain Tire Corp. president **Brian Hesje**, '69 BA, '73 MBA; and Madenta Communications Inc. president **Randy Marsden**, '89 BSc(Eng).



winner of a 1995 War Memorial Scholarship from the IODE. She is currently completing a PhD in educational psychology at the U of A.

Douglas Marnier, BSc(Eng), is a project coordinator with a construction company in B.C.

Corinne McNeal, LLB, is an associate with Lucas Bowker & White.

Sheetal Mehta, BA, completed a master's degree in international relations from the London School of Economics. She works for Morgan Stanley & Co. International, London.

Twyla Peterson, BPE, is completing a

physiotherapy program at McMaster U in Hamilton, Ontario.

Kelly Robinson, LLB, is an associate with the Edmonton firm Chomicki Baril.

James Smythe, BA, is pursuing a doctoral degree in health economics at the U of York in England.

Martina Strack, BSc, is working towards a master's degree in health administration. "Adjusting to driving in Vancouver!"

Rodd Thorkelsson, LLB, '90 BA, is an associate with the Edmonton office of the law firm Brownlee Fryett.

Matthew Yang, MSc, is a geophysicist with Imperial Oil Resources in Calgary.

'95 Ronald Beauchamp, DDS, '93 BSc(Dent), is a dentist with the DentaCare Group in Edmonton.

Kara Bizon, BSc(Pharm), works at the IDA pharmacy in Falher, Alberta.

Scott Gilmore, BCom, is completing a master's degree from the London School of Economics.

Domina Hussain, BA, is completing an LLB from Dalhousie U.

Paul Lo, BA, works for Compaq Computers in Singapore.

Brian McCulloch, BSc, is a rehabilitation consultant with Associative Rehabilitation Inc. in Vancouver.

Fiona McQuarrie, PhD, teaches business administration at the U College of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, B.C.

Lorraine Stewart, MEd, '87 BEd, '90 Dip(Ed), teaches at Memorial Composite High School in Stony Plain, Alberta.

Leanne Travers, BSc(PT), works at a private hospital in Missouri. ➔

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Esther Rose Polishuk '75 BEd, of Beauvallon, Alberta in December 1995
Debra Elaine Ditch (Bicknell) '76 BEd, of Edmonton in January 1996

John Gylbert Timmermans '76 BSc(Ag), '81 MSc, of Airdrie, Alberta in February 1996

Bernard Kawina '77 BSc(Forestry), of Ndola, Zambia in August 1995

Herbert Zelt '77 BSc(Pharm), of Edmonton in February 1996

Lois Rae Ethier (Knisely) '78 BSc, of North Battleford, Saskatchewan in February 1996

Bohdan Lubomyr Fedun '78 BSc, '82 BEd, of Edmonton in November 1995

Verna Leigh Kyler '79 BEd, of Ponoka, Alberta in January 1995

Sheryl Grace Nixon '79 BSc, of Edmonton in March 1996

John Thomas Babik '80 BEd, of Edmonton in January 1996

Gerard Armand Lepage '80 BFA, of Ottawa in October 1995

Donna Elizabeth Pawlowich '80 BEd, of Grimshaw, Alberta in January 1996

Paul Francis Jardine '81 BA(RecAdmin), '86 BEd, of Edmonton in October 1995

Susan Catherine Klassen (Burke) '81 BSc(OT), of Horse Creek, Yukon in November 1995

Maureen Teresa Bouma '84 BEd, of Edmonton in March 1996

Barry Gordon Ralph Harrold '84 BSc, '86 MSc, of Lamont, Alberta in December 1995

David Allan Otterdahl '84 BA, of Leduc, Alberta in December 1995

Shannon Lee Duplessis (Schreiber) '85 BCom, of St. Albert, Alberta in February 1996

Kevin Andrew Cole '90 BSc(Ag), of Coronation, Alberta in February 1996

Lyle Wade Curtis '90 BMSc, '92 MD, of Medford, Oregon in July 1995

Matthew David Flamand '94 BSc(Forestry), of Edmonton in November 1995

CORRECTIONS

In the Winter 1995/96 issue we incorrectly reported the passing of **Ruth Elsie Smith (Eaves)**, '54 Dip(Nu), and **Pearl Melnyk**, '43 Dip(Nu), '44 BSc(Nu) in the *In Memoriam* section. In fact, the obituaries which reported these deaths were for individuals with the same names who were not University of Alberta graduates. We sincerely regret any inconvenience this might have caused and we apologize for the errors.

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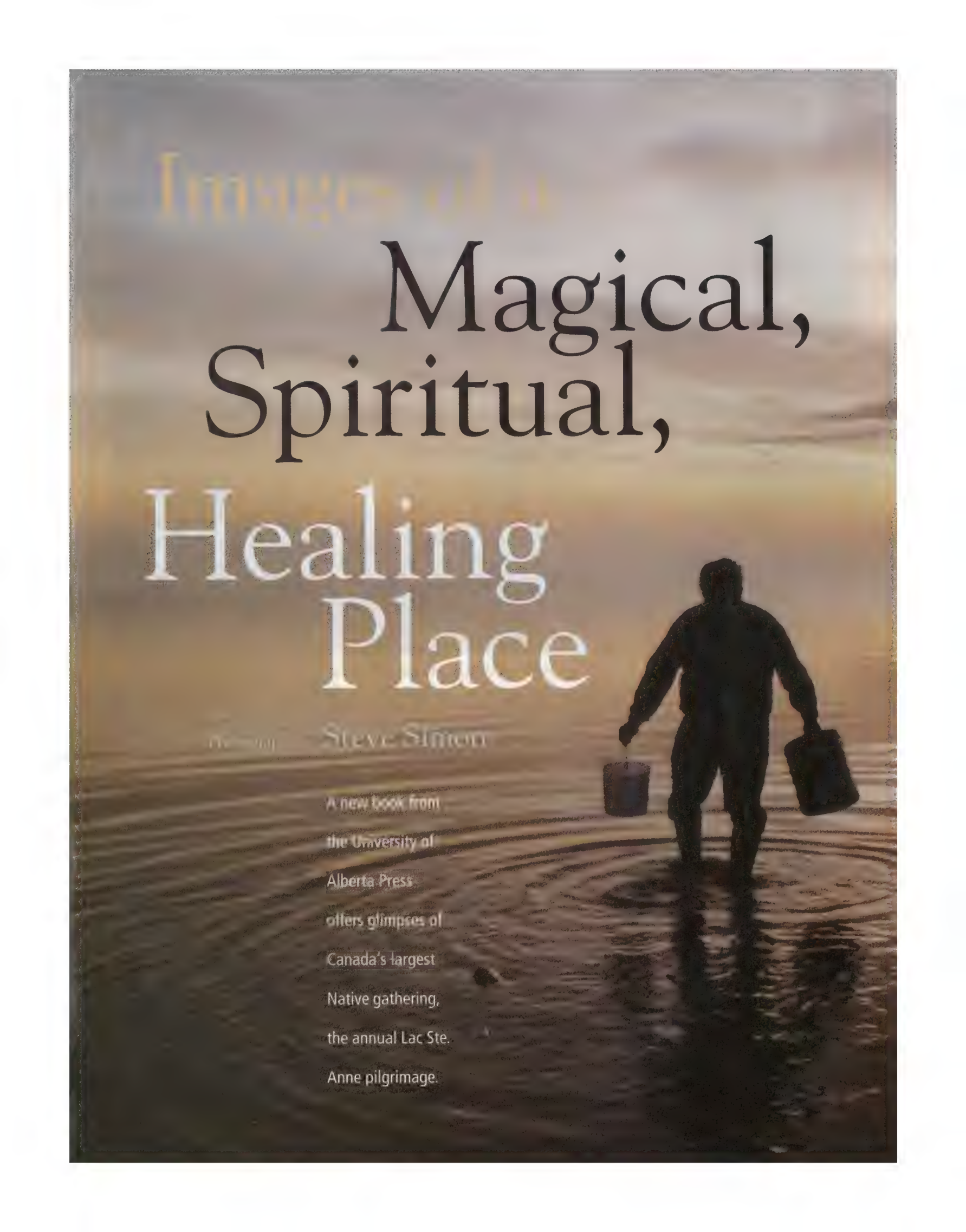
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How can I get on your mailing list?

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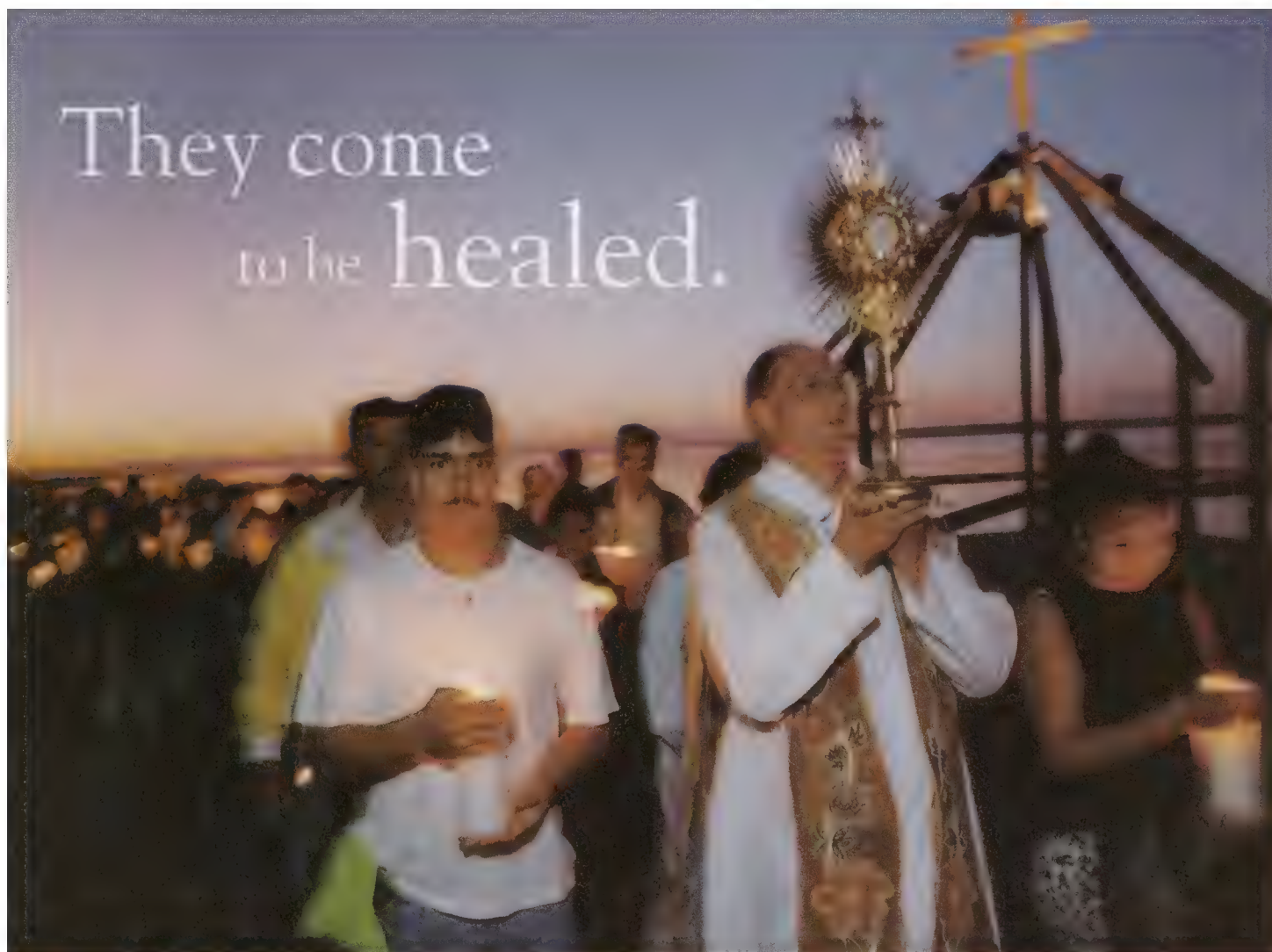
Images of a

Magical, Spiritual, Healing Place

by Steve Simon

A new book from
the University of
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offers glimpses of
Canada's largest
Native gathering,
the annual Lac Ste.
Anne pilgrimage.



They come
to be healed.

Every year thousands of people, many walking barefoot, make the pilgrimage to the waters of Lac Ste. Anne, 50 kilometres northwest of Edmonton. They come to be healed — in body, in mind, and in spirit — but the Lac Ste. Anne pilgrimage is also a social event, a family get-together on a huge scale.

"You can see the intensity of the faith on the people's faces," says Steve Simon, an Edmonton photographer who first experienced the pilgrimage, now the largest Native gathering in Canada, eight years ago. The event has touched the Montreal-born Simon profoundly and resulted in his book *Healing Waters: The Pilgrimage to Lac Ste. Anne*, published recently by the University of Alberta Press.

The book fills a void, says Simon, who works as a newspaper photographer for the *Edmonton Journal*. "This is a really extra-

ordinary and unique event, yet the only information I could find on it consisted of some newspaper articles and a lot written by the Oblates. There hadn't really been an outsider's look or a complete history."

The roots of the pilgrimage stretch back thousands of years. Native tradition has long held the lake to be a sacred place,

a "power spot" where Native healers came to dream and renew themselves. In 1994 a stone artifact found on the site was determined to be 5,000 to 6,000 years old.

The Cree called the lake "Monito Sakahigan," meaning Lake of the Spirit. In 1843 a Roman Catholic mission was established on its shore by Father Jean

Grandmothers, many too weak to make it on their own, grasp rosary beads as they hold the arms of their children and slowly wade through the shallow water. Mothers and fathers the shore and pray, the water pinging over their feet. There are healed here. These murky miraculous healing powers. This healing force is one reason thousands are drawn to this place. They come to be healed physically, spiritually and emotionally.



Baptise Thibault. While in Edmonton, the priest had heard of a lake with a thriving fishery where Native people gathered in preparation for the annual buffalo hunts, and he established his mission there to have better access to the roaming nations who frequented the lake.

It was Father Thibault who renamed the lake after his patron saint, Sainte Anne—Jesus' grandmother, the mother of Mary. The name proved to be a particularly appropriate choice, echoing the importance and respect shown for the grandmother figure in Native culture.

Since 1856, the mission at Lac Ste. Anne has been run by the Missionary Oblates, a Roman Catholic religious order, who almost abandoned the site in 1887. The church building at the lake had collapsed and the mission's future was in doubt when Father Jean-Marie Lestanc, a parish priest in St. Albert, returned to Europe for an Oblate Conference that year. In France, the priest visited the shrine of Ste. Anne in Brittany, and at the moment he kissed the relic he is said to have heard a voice say to him, "Et toi, qu'as tu fait pour moi?" He interpreted the question — "And you, what have you done for me?" — to be an instruction to continue the Lac Ste. Anne mission.



Native people make the journey, many barefoot, as a means of self-sacrifice. Tradition is what calls some people to the lake, others come because of their religious beliefs. They socialize, spend time with relatives and renew old friendships. For this one week in July every year, a 40-acre Alberta shoreline is transformed into a magical tent city, the bright colours of tents and teepees dotting the meadow. On top of the open-air shrine, a neon cross emits a ghostly glow, symbolizing the long-standing presence of the Roman Catholic Church.



Returning to Canada, he persuaded his bishop and the other priests to rebuild the mission, and when the new church was complete in 1889 two pilgrimages were held there. The second took place on 26 July, the feast day of Ste. Anne, a tradition that continues to this day.

Ninety years after the inauguration of the pilgrimage, Steve Simon experienced it for the first time on photo-assignment for the *Journal*. "I had never seen anything like it," he recalls. "I was quite overwhelmed by what I saw. I sensed a tremendous energy."

Simon continued to cover the pilgrimage as a newspaper photographer, but in 1992 he began taking a more serious interest in the event. "I went back with the idea of doing photography that was more personal than a newspaper

would allow me to do," he says. These evocative images — which the photographer says started out to be "just for myself really" — eventually proved to be the beginning of *Healing Waters*, which features 54 of Simon's color photographs along with his first-person text.

In the preface to that text, Simon calls the pilgrimage "a magical, spiritual place of great healing and harmony." It is, he says, "a place that really seems to make a positive difference in people's lives, including mine." 🐾

Excerpts from *Healing Waters: The Pilgrimage to Lac Ste. Anne* by Steve Simon.

The Best of CLASS

From its humble beginning

as 'Alumni Notes' in the January 1943 *New Trail* (and before that, in the predecessor publication, *The Trail*), 'Class Notes' has grown into the largest and most popular section of this magazine. A glance at other Canadian alumni publications reveals that U of A graduates are among the most prolific in Canada in correspondence with their alma mater.

Submissions for 'Class Notes' whiz across the globe by electronic mail, beam in by facsimile, and limp here via snail mail. They can be scribbled notes, dog-eared newspaper clippings, eloquent epistles or incomprehensible ramblings. Most brim with pride, hope, and joy. A few are hilarious — sometimes even intentionally so.

When we decided to share with our readers some of the best 'Class Notes' from 1943 to 1990 (they're printed here pretty much as they originally appeared) we used a simple critereon. Each had to capture something of the flavor of the last 50 years: giving a taste of the campus, of trends and the times, and of diverse lives that trace a common thread back to the University of Alberta.



Illustrations by Lara Minja

Dispatches From Afar

1945 From a letter written by Capt. **John Ower**, '36, who at the time of writing was with the 1st Australian Army, New Guinea Forces: "The natives here have no use for money as such. The standard of trade is salt, a spoonful being worth a good load of fruit or a bunch of bananas. It is also the standard of pay, a spoonful for a day's work. At the last place where I was, they had a native mission complete with harmonium. The natives describe the harmonium thus: 'Big music bokis, him belonga Jesus Christ, him have teeth all a same like man, youfightum teeth, him cry out.'"

1945 Part of a letter from Captain **Lorne Oatway**, India: "Calcutta is the most uninteresting and most cosmopolitan city in the world. A weather beaten sign post on a lane off the main street of this city bears the inscription, 'This was the black hole of Calcutta.' What a veritable hell it must have been in the terrific humid heat in such a place blessed with a sun at its fullest fury from dawn to dusk for 360 days of the year according to my latest calculations."

1945 Since his arrival in Italy, Capt. **V. Ignatieff** '32 has "travelled the breadth and length of the country... to cover 10,000 miles in a jeep requires a certain amount of determination."

1953 Nobody, least of all **Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Harvey (nee Peggy Cross)**, would have believed that three short years after graduation they would be trekking through the interior of Africa on ten-day safaris. Often Peggy travels with Ron on the safaris in their automobile, to be frequently stopped on the road by slow-moving crocodiles.

1957 **William Taylor**, '53, has replied to a newspaper story seeking a young man willing to leave on a one-year expedition to the mysterious lands of the Incas, in South America's wild Andes mountain area. "I fly a plane, have mountain climbed, have the money, and can't think of anything more exciting and adventurous," said Mr. Taylor.



NOTES

"I have been so busy doing nothing, I cannot find time to finish, and if I ever finish, I suppose I'll never know it."

1958 Edmonton geologist **James Rutherford**, '55, who remained for five days in his hotel during the recent uprising in Iraq, is now in Paris awaiting assignment to a new post.

1962 **Arthur C. Twomey**, '34, has penetrated the Mackenzie Delta area by snow shoe, dog sled, and Indian canoe; toured remote parts of East Africa by jeep and spent five months sleeping under canvas; and explored the everglades for a travelogue on Florida.

1963 Jailed in Yugoslavia recently for travelling without identification tags, **Samuel White**, '58, got out "by hook and by crook" to continue his world tour.

1967 **Margaret Loggie**, '55, Third Secretary and Vice-Consul with the Canadian Embassy in the lively Middle East capital of Beirut, Lebanon, has been caught up in the drama of the Arab-Israeli crisis, investigating conditions in refugee camps. "A job like this is not for any young girl graduating from university," she contends.

1976 For **Gerry Gibeault**, '74 BA, this summer has been one of anti-malaria pills, parasite-infected swamps, and learning about a different culture. He was one of six Edmontonians in Sierre Leone, West Africa, as a representative of Canadian Crossroads International.

1983 **Lucille R. Swanson**, BEd, lives in Nigeria and teaches Form I boys at the Government Teachers' College. She finds it hot, dusty, colorful and challenging to teach in English when none is known.

1986 **Stephen Alvey**, '77 BSc(Eng), recently transferred to Nashville, Tennessee with Northern Telecom Inc. as director, product management — "I'm starting to talk funny already."

1988 **Manfred Fehr**, '69 BSc(Eng), has job-hopped from Colombia to Peru, to Venezuela, and now to Brazil. "Would you exchange snow storms for the tropical sun? Hockey for year-round swimming? A stable currency for monthly inflation of 25 per cent?"

Reminiscences on Retirement

1952 Dr. **H. E. Rawlinson**, '27, tells us that his hair is grayer, he is a few pounds heavier, not much wiser and poorer financially.

1983 **Walter M. Kutz**, '25 BSc, resides in Santa Rosa, California. He is retired, enjoys lawn bowling and is "busy trying to keep out of the *In Memoriam* column."

1984 **Fred Antrobus**, '26 BSc, reports that he saw Halley's Comet in 1910 and looks forward to seeing it the second time next winter.

1986 **O. James Walker**, '42 BSc(Eng), reports that he now lives "in genteel poverty in a more or less modernized farm house on 90 acres of rock and trees."

1986 **Ernest G. Tyson**, BSc(Ag), writes from Yuma, Arizona that he winters in the same trailer park as two other former U of A students. "We all return in time for income tax," he says.

1987 **Munroe Macleod**, '21 BA, reports that he will reach the age of 90 in September. He credits his longevity to his sons (three, all PhDs), golf (he loses one ball annually), bridge (he never counts points, but wins some prizes) and food (he never counts vitamins).

1987 **Charles E. Simmons**, '50 BSc(Eng), '57 BEd, reports that since retiring, "I have been so busy doing nothing, I cannot find time to finish, and if I ever finish, I suppose I'll never know it."

1987 **Guy R. Lyle**, '27 BA, '64 LLD (Honorary), writes that he now does "as little as possible," adding "I no longer even try to appear intelligent. I avoid any definite date for rising or setting, academic lunches or dinners, speeches, and funerals — the latter perhaps because my contemporaries are disappearing into the void at an alarming rate."

1987 **Harold Waterbury**, '27 Dip(Pharm), now 84, is taking his own advice: "Don't retire until the deficit in Ottawa is retired first."

Occupational Hazards

1943 My apologies to **Alfreda Skенfield**, '38, for an error in the January issue. Apropos of her work for the children's Aid Society in Peterborough, Ontario, she says, "I am mentioned as a gun inspector, but this society goes in more for baby carriages than gun carriages."

1943 "I am buying an American education on the instalment plan," says **Eva R. Younge**, '30.

1945 **Eleanor G. Luxton**, '30, "deserted the noble ranks of teachers some years ago and I find locomotives much easier to cope with."

1946 Dr. **Andrew Cairns**, '45, who is a medical supply officer and chairman of UNRRA's medical committee in Vienna, is demonstrating that his skill in medicine is matched by an expertness in diplomacy. "At the meetings we have the various Austrian Government Officials and representatives of the Allied occupying forces: Russian, French, English, and

American. I bang on the table and say two words which are then translated into the various languages. Consequently it takes all morning to cover two or three points."

1952 Dr. **Mervyn A. Tuck**, '29, has been practicing in "Movieland" since 1930. "First few Depression years were tough and even the patients who didn't intend to pay stopped coming."

1952 Coordinator of school broadcasts in Alberta is **Leslie Gue**, '47, who in a note to the editor remarked, "I believe that I am up in the air as much as on the air in any given week!"

1956 As education superintendent for the world's largest school district, 1,500,000 square miles of northern Canada, **J.V. Jacobson**, '51, of Ottawa travels 20,000 miles yearly and has learned to accept forced landings in uncharted territory as "normal events."

1958 Artists need stimulation, they need encouragement but most of all they need money. That has been the experience of **James Stolee**, '53, who recently returned to Edmonton after three years in Europe and the United Kingdom.

1961 When **Odette Charron**, '60, arrives for work in the morning, a grilled steel door swings shut behind her and is locked. Her place of employment is St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary near Montreal and her recent appointment to the

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medium security institution made her the first female federal prison psychologist in Canada.

1964 Gin Poles, mud guns, surge chambers, crown blocks, and swivel balls — they may sound as strange as the make-believe world of a Lewis Carroll but they really make sense to Tariff Board economist **J.E. Gander**, '44, who finds practical principles on which to base recommended changes in the maze of tariff rates.

1969 Taverns usually hire ex-boxers or wrestlers to throw the bums out. But for a more sophisticated, if only vaguely similar role — watchdog at the Toronto Stock Exchange — former hockey players are in fashion. **Jack Lyndon**, '58 BA, '61 LLB, is officially called Director of Trading and Market Surveillance. In this job, he watches Toronto Stock Exchange stocks for unusual or undesirable activity.

1971 Young and chic **Janice Buxton**, '65 BA, says "rules are out, quite out" in her course on mod fashions at the YWCA in Montreal. As creative coordinator for J.R. McCann Promotions and a former fashion copywriter, Janice has had plenty of opportunities to work with clothes and decide what they can and can't do for a woman.

1975 Who would believe that a 24-year-old lawyer who burns incense, wears blue jeans and listens to the Rolling Stones would be appointed a member of the Victoria City Police Commission? **Jean Watchuk**, '73 LLB, can't believe it herself, and says she is the only woman and the youngest ever to be appointed to the job.

1976 **David John Graham**, '66 BSc(Eng), has designed the Meditation Machine, a revolving bed intended to help people enjoy the spiritual experiences formerly available only to religious mystics; meditators lie on the bed, which revolves clockwise in a horizontal plane, while an electro-magnetic current is passed through the body.

1986 **Peter Schubert**, '85 PhD, reported in March that he was working at four part-time jobs while he desperately looked for a permanent position. At that time, he reported 101 refusals.

1987 **Cyril Sapiro**, '60 BA, is practicing as a trustee in bankruptcy in Toronto. He describes his field as the "only growth industry in Canada," and admits to recently publishing an article on bankruptcy humor.

1989 **Stewart Devine**, '84 MBA, '82 BA, and **Kelly Palmer**, MBA, '81 BA, who now reside in

Britain, report that they are putting the "entrepreneurial skills we learned at university to use" as the owners and managers of an adult entertainment centre in Soho in London's West End.

Letters in Wartime



1943 Remarks by **Keith Tester**, '24, Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii, where he manages a sugar plantation: "Had a ringside seat on December 7, 1941, but hope never to witness such a scene again."

1943 Another Aggie, **Lieut.-Col. Eric Cormack**, '25, of the 8th Can. L.A.A. Regt., R.C.A., Canadian Army Overseas, says: "At the moment we have the same feeling as we used to get when on the track awaiting the starter's pistol."

1944 From **Capt. C.E.B. Coneybeare**, '41: "As I write, the roar of four-engined bombers is shaking the hut."

1944 **Sgt. Delbert Patching**, '39 writes from Northern Scotland, "I am an air navigator in Bombing Command where we sit in private booths and draw lines on bits of paper. Sort of a funny job for a fellow who planned to have a future in Agriculture."

1945 "The Deacon," i.e. **Rev. William P. Irving**, '40, writes from south east Asia: "The carton of Sweet Caps from the U of A arrived today when I was down to my last pack of Canadian cigarettes. If you had ever smoked those made in this part of the world, you would know just how welcome they were."

1946 **Nick Holoway**, '29, '31, who is now attending the University of California, Berkeley, says that on VE day he was able to make a first hand study of the soils in the Balkans. Unlike most of us who were in the air that day, Nick was really down to earth ...

1946 **M. Betty Brown** is a "highly confidential secretary" for the USED at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She handles "secret stuff" concerning the atomic bomb.

Nostalgic Notes

1944 I can't resist quoting this request from **Captain Judd Bishop**, '39, '40: "This miserable English winter with its rain and fog and lack of fuel will soon be on us again and I'll long for a nice comfortable forty below and five feet of snow. Please put a picture of the campus in winter in one of your next issues and make us all nice and homesick."

1944 From **Capt. Ed Lewis**, '40: "I see quite a lot of the lads from the University, and we always reminisce about the days we spent there — in many ways we wish we were back taking classes, visiting Tuck, seeing football games, and the like..."

1945 **Jack Reynolds** (8 Cdn. Fd. Signals R.C.E.) writes, "The bulk of the crowd will be back next year so you'd better start strengthening the furniture."

1952 In a recent letter from **Harold V. Weekes**, '48, he notes that *New Trail* serves as excellent propaganda to support his thesis that Toronto is not necessarily the only university in Canada.





1986 Priscilla Kariuki, '80 PhD, returned to her native Kenya and writes, "I have many pleasant memories of your vast country and very good-hearted people. I miss the snow, the big red apples and the Rutherford Library."

1988 Arthur Allen, '37 MA, '31 BA, comments on the Medical Faculty's 75th anniversary. He recalls being admitted to the then Strathcona Hospital (now University Hospital) in 1914 at the age of seven after breaking an arm. He was taken there by a doctor driving a horse and buggy and was kept in hospital for a month.

1988 John Carruthers, PhD, has returned to Australia and asks that his best wishes be passed on to the staff of the "foreign office," who, he says, spoiled him outrageously during his time at the U of A.

Family Affairs

1945 Jean Pain (Graham), '41, refers to the advent of Michael Thomas Pain, about whom she says, "We are already bickering amiably over which courses he will take at U of A in — say — 1963!"

1949 "Red" Davidson, '34, and Mrs. Davidson are living a few miles out of Lethbridge, and are devoting all their energies to the raising of sheep, literally by the thousands — well, they do have five children as well, but you would never know it by the look of them.

1950 Dr. and Mrs. C.G. Craig, '42, are getting along splendidly at Red Deer. The Craig's have three bonny kiddies, and the clinic with which Dr. Craig (Daddy) is associated has a brand new building. Mrs. Craig is an MD graduate, too, but she is, we imagine, practising strictly at home.



Awards, Accolades & Assorted Honors

1953 The highest hollyhocks in the British Empire! Sounds like a "tall" order, but a recent interesting note from Dr. **M.S. Kerr**, '16, '18, '40, Toronto, indicates that in spite of some teasing he has some beauties. A garden and flower fancier of no mean repute, we can well imagine the barrage of color that must greet the eye on visiting the Kerr's cosy nook "up here in North York."

1956 A graduate of the University was one of 50 Canadian debutantes presented to the Queen and Duke of

Edinburgh as Buckingham Palace this summer. **Elizabeth Wilson** curtsied to the Queen and Duke and then joined 7,000 guests at a royal garden party on the green lawn behind Buckingham Palace.

1957 When **Ruth Gorman**, '37, of Calg. was 17 years old, she was made an Indian princess in the Morley tribe. The honour carried with it the new name of "Mountain White Eagle Girl."

1974 Stripped to the waist and painted colors of the Blood Indians, Premier **Peter Lougheed**, '52 LLB, smoked the peace pipe with band leaders, who welcomed him as Honorary Chief Crop-Eared Wolf.

1988 **John W. North**, '86 BA, leads an interesting life. In his second year of law school at Osgoode Hall, he also works as a model in Toronto and New York. Toronto's 'Bachelor of the Year' in 1987, he won't be eligible much longer — he plans to be married in Switzerland in August.

Scholarly Pursuits

1946 Dr. **Ernest Tinkham**, '27, has a Guggenheim scholarship to complete exploration of North American deserts and write a book. Although the subject of his book is desert-dry, we can assure you from his conversation that the contents will be worth reading.

1953 An interesting 14-month period has been spent by **James Spillios**, '45, anthropologist, studying the habits and customs of persons living on the tiny island of Tikopia in the Solomons. The island, virtually unknown to the white man and comprising an area of only six miles, has a population of 1,700

which still hold to many of the ancient Polynesian ways of life.

1955 **G. Allen Mail**, '25, is a medical entomologist with the United States Public Health Service in

gan and waging a determined battle with the encephalitis mosquito.

1970 To have any kind of a spider for a pet is unusual. To have a deadly-poisonous banana variety is bizarre. Unless of course you happen to like spiders or have decided to devote your life to a study

of the eight-legged creatures.

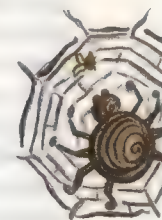
Robin Leech, '65 MA, a graduate student with the Department of Entomology, does have a poisonous banana spider in his office. He has studied spiders from Africa to the North Pole.

1974 **Ron Bjorge**, '73, is involved in an unusual fish and wildlife project, trapping and tagging skunks in a 50-square-mile study area south of Tofield.

1979 The Royal Ontario Museum's chief geologist, **Loris Russel**, '27 BSc, is spending the winter counting mice's teeth believed to be 15 million years old. Using a microscope, Dr. Russell is sorting teeth and small bits of bone from more than 15 million tons of Saskatchewan gravel, stored in a Toronto warehouse for the last nine years. With his research he hopes to pinpoint man's arrival in North America earlier than 30,000 years ago.

The Last Word

1989 **Doug Webber**, '81 BSc(Eng), writes that he has realized that the pursuit of capital gains is inimical to the survival of this planet and hence has made his most important goals social justice and peace. ➡





QUADRIVIUM

Taking Flight

New degree is Canadian first



ate last year when Tom Noseworthy, '85 MSc, heard that violent storms in their wintering grounds might have decimated the Monarch butterfly population, his heart sank. He wondered if it might be an omen.

Noseworthy is the chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences at the U of A, and his department had just that week finished sending out posters advertising its new Master of Public Health program. The central design feature on those posters was a Monarch butterfly.

As it turned out, the Monarchs suffered much less than originally feared, and the new program, the first modern MPH program in Canada, has met a decidedly favorable response, attracting widespread interest across Canada and overseas.

An amalgam of the social and behavioral sciences of health care, the Department of Public Health Sciences teaches courses in environmental health, occupational health, epidemiology and biostatistics, community health and health policy management. The MPH degree is designed to bring together these diverse interests. "We needed a broad, general degree program around which we could link our five separate programs," says Noseworthy. To that extent, the MPH is not so much new as a metamorphosis prompted by the need for change.



Noseworthy, who became chair of Public Health Sciences in October 1995, knows a lot about change. A member of the first MD graduating class from Newfoundland's

Memorial University in 1973, he has worked as a rural general practitioner, an internist,

and a critical care physician. After earning an MPH from Harvard Medical School, he served as a vice-president at Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, and was that hospital's chief executive officer from 1993 to 1995. He was appointed to the Prime Minister's National Forum on Health in 1994.

With that background, Noseworthy saw the need for health science training to be flexible, "to allow for potential students that are going to perhaps follow the same type of career convolutions that I have."

At present there are two MPH streams: a course-based degree with specialization in health policy and management, and a thesis-based degree with specialization in health policy research. The course is of 20 months duration, with field placement between the first and second years of the course-based program. The department hopes to attract students with experience in the health field and is tailoring the program to meet

the needs of people wishing to combine work and study.

University approval for bringing the department's current master's programs in epidemiology and environmental health under the MPH umbrella is expected soon. After that, Noseworthy hopes to add occupational health and population health streams.

"You have to adapt or die," says the department chair. It's not only the challenge facing his department, but the reality his graduates will have to live with, he says. "Graduates, whether they are MDs or nurses or people from this program, cannot think of their degrees as an end — they need to see them as a beginning." 🦋

Book-Mobile

U of A faculty-authored textbook exhibition covers much ground



It is no exaggeration to say the U of A is *Teaching the World* through faculty-authored textbooks.

More than 200 University faculty authors have written a fascinating array of texts on diverse topics ranging from algebra to wapiti farming. Many have sold thousands of copies and have been widely adopted in classrooms around the world.

Teaching the World is an exhibition of textbooks organized by

the office of the vice-president (research and external affairs), Martha Piper. Piper says that *Teaching the World* is "a celebration of the textbook as an essential link between teaching and research."

The exhibition's catalogue and displays feature anecdotes from the authors on how and why they distilled years of research and teaching into published texts.

For instance, Michael Hickman of the University's

Devonian Botanic Garden literally inherited the project of producing the eighth edition of the *Dictionary of Biology*: the first edition was coauthored by his father in 1951. And Glenda Hanna went to great lengths to ensure that her text on the legal risks of outdoor programs would be used and accepted by authorities such as Parks Canada and the RCMP: the physical education and recreation professor spent months studying in the Faculty of Law and researching in the Weir Library to gain the legal background she needed.

The exhibition opened on campus in March, and will travel to several major Alberta communities such as Calgary, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Red Deer and Cardston over the next year. 🦋



A Mathematician's Pursuit of Symmetry

Through his award-winning work, Robert Moody has opened doors to the past and the future

Robert Moody wouldn't stand out in a crowd. On a street corner, you wouldn't pick him out as someone with a branch of algebra named after him, a person whose work changed the course of much of mathematics and mathematical physics in the second half of this century.

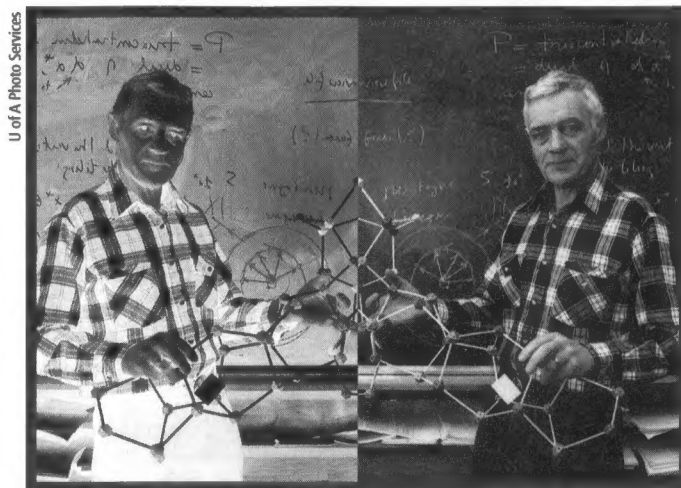
Moody you would pick out as the guy down the block who likes to tinker in his garage in the evening and on weekends.

And, in a sense, Moody, who is a professor of mathematical sciences at the U of A, is a tinkerer: he likes to find out how things work. Not toasters, though, or carburetors. Things like fivefold symmetry and the subtleties of superstring theory.

During 30-plus years as a mathematician, Moody's contributions have set him apart from all but a handful of colleagues in the world — a fact that will be underlined this summer when he will receive the prestigious Eugene Wigner Medal of the Group Theory and Fundamental Physics Foundation.

The presentation, which will take place in August at the Foundation's congress held in Goslar, Germany, will end a bit of a wait for Moody. He is a co-winner of the medal for 1994-95, but since the Foundation meets only every second year, the presentation ceremonies had to wait. (Proof, perhaps, that to devotees of group theory and fundamental physics, time is relative.)

The U of A mathematician is being honored jointly with Victor Kac (that's pronounced "kats"), formerly of the University of Moscow and now of MIT, for the development of the Kac Moody algebras. In the mid-1960s, beginning from com-



Robert Moody's distinguished career in mathematics has been devoted to studying the implications and perturbations of symmetry.

pletely different points of view, Kac and Moody independently enlarged the paradigm of the algebras invented in the 19th century Sophus Lie (pronounced "lee"), whose work provided the mathematical objects — Lie groups — used to study continuous symmetry.

"Symmetry is a very big part of modern mathematics," explains Moody, "because it is one of the key ways in which we can describe order and repetitive structure in nature."

Exciting times

Before the breakthroughs made by Moody and Kac, mathematicians worked extensively with "discrete" symmetry — the simple sort of symmetry seen in figures such as squares and hexagons and in crystals — and "continuous" symmetry — the symmetry of a sphere, for instance. Using Lie groups as their tools, Moody and Kac expanded this type of mathematical pursuit to encompass "infinite dimensional" symmetry.

"All the mathematics we did deals with infinite-dimensional objects," says Moody, admitting that this "sounds totally bizarre

to normal ways of thinking — but all sorts of things in mathematics and physics involve infinite-dimensional spaces."

Symmetry is not just of abstract mathematical interest. Continuous symmetries play an important role in quantum mechanics, relativity theory, and most of theoretical physics. And by the 1980s, physicists working in the areas of elementary particle theory, gravity, and two-dimensional phase transitions had discovered that the Kac Moody symmetries could also be used to formulate descriptions of nature.

Moody, who taught at the University of Saskatchewan then, recalls the excitement of the time: "For a few very exciting years mathematicians and physicists were closely following each other's works. The physicists had, to some extent, actually come across [the Kac Moody algebras] without knowing it, really. At this point, which is around 1980, a lot of things clicked in people's minds, and it opened up a tremendous amount of involvement of the mathematical physicists, who had a whole

bunch of new tools to show us."

As the Kac Moody algebras have found their place in Lie theory — "they've been subsumed into the whole fabric of what people think about now," says Moody — the excitement that came with their freshness has naturally waned, but the Wigner Medal is proof that the importance of Moody's contribution to the expansion of Lie theory is not forgotten.

Mathematician-composer

And Moody, who came to the U of A in 1989, continues to draw attention with his work. George Seligman, the James E. English professor of mathematics at Yale, says that Moody's work has opened doors to the past and to the future. Commenting about Moody's new treatise, *Lie Algebras with a Triangular Decomposition*, English says that with this work (written jointly with the U of A's Arturo Pianzola) Moody has "consolidated with a very broad scientific community the position of leadership that we in his general field have long accorded him."

Seligman's colleague at Yale, the distinguished mathematician Efim Zelmanov says Moody's work has changed the course of much of mathematics and mathematical physics in the second half of this century. He likens Moody not to a tinkerer but to a composer. "Leo Landau once said that there are 'physicist-composers' and 'physicist-performers.' In my opinion Dr Moody is undoubtedly a 'mathematician-composer.'"

Tinkerer or composer — and mathematician, for certain — Robert Moody has shown he stands apart. 🎵



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"It's a great title.

"Everyone loved the title. I had a different title, quite a horrible title ..." Greg Hollingshead's voice trails off. He's talking about his short story collection *The Roaring Girl*, and he seems as confounded by the book's critical and popular success as he is by the vivacious allure of its name.

If a flurry of attention has deposited him — a little disconcerted, hair a little ruffled — in his campus office one day almost six months after winning Canada's most prestigious literary prize, you can understand why. The 1995 Governor General's Award for fiction; an impossible number of requests for readings, book signings and interviews, even for movie rights have burst into the quietly ordered life of a university professor still dedicated to writing in his home office for a few hours each morning.

In the normal scheme of things, he then cycles from his nearby Windsor Park home to campus, where he teaches 18th-century literature and creative writing in the Department of English. Ironically, the current darling of the Canadian literary scene used to teach CanLit, but stopped about 10 years ago. "I was just so critical," he recalls.

One of his creative writing classes threw a congratulatory party for the award-winning author when he returned to campus after accepting his prize in Toronto last November. "My graduate students were very focused on what the award meant, very pleased," explains Hollingshead. "The undergraduate students ... are not quite so sure what it's about. They're cooler, more diffident."

Readers love it

Maybe they haven't read the book. Readers have enthusiastically embraced *The Roaring Girl*, which for a literary work of such

Sima Khorrami



"You try to do literary writing that doesn't necessarily require a trained literary reader."

Greg Hollingshead

lofty distinction is absurdly readable. For instance, one story that Hollingshead frequently reads at appearances, called "The Side of the Elements," begins: "My wife and I had to leave the city for a year, were forced to rent our house to strangers. We advertised in the paper, screened people. Hopeless people. If your dog went with them for a walk he would get run over."

The Governor General's Award fiction jury said the stories in *The Roaring Girl* "illuminate the mixups, dilemmas and joys of contemporary life with lightning bolts of fiercely unexpected epiphanies." The author is pleased that his work is resonant for so many (so far, over 10,000 copies have been sold.) "You try to do literary writing that doesn't necessarily require a trained literary reader," says Hollingshead. "In a sense, everything I do is aiming for this."

He's had no shortage of opportunities to hear from his readers — award-winning authors are a hot commodity at bookstores, book club meetings and in the media. "A lot of

authors are just plain nervous at those events, and I'm not," comments Hollingshead on his accessibility. "I'm a teacher, I'm used to speaking in front of people." He reflects a moment, then tosses off, "I'm old enough that I don't really care anymore."

He consistently gets asked the same questions about writing: Does it ever come out just perfectly the first draft? (The answer, of course, is "Never.") Where do you get your ideas? (Everywhere — he even admits to cribbing from friends' anecdotes and newspaper items.) How do you write? (Longhand. "It allows you to get deeper into the writing.")

New novel on the way

He is now deep into another manuscript, a novel this time, which he worked on in Paris during a sabbatical year that ended in mid-1995. His memories of that city are still crisp — the bread, the wine, the flowers — and he discovered why Paris is a haven for writers. "French culture is amazing. Paris is a city that makes you feel you're doing something that makes sense. Everybody is making something ... making food, doing hair, designing buildings ... creating something and placing value on it."

Hollingshead says the style of the new novel is quite different from *The Roaring Girl's*. Now that he's in the company of other Governor General's Award-winning writers such as Alice Munro, Michael Ondaatje, Timothy Findley, Margaret Atwood and Rudy Wiebe — the U of A professor emeritus of English who won the GG last year — the expectations for Hollingshead's next book may be quite different, too. Wryly, the author comments, "I'm aware that there will be no putting anything over on people." 🐾

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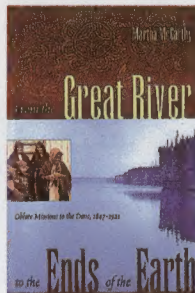
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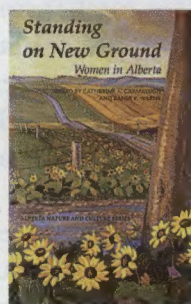


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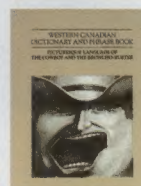
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